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A letter to readers of BLUE RIBBON COMICS

We are about to take an important step—so important, that we have decided to bring the matter to your attention in this unusual way. We are going to run some true fact stories in the February issue of BLUE RIBBON COMICS, one of your favorite magazines. This is a *BRAND NEW* idea in comics. We say *BRAND NEW* deliberately—because the policy of mixing fact with fiction in just the way we intend to mix them has never before been attempted in a comic book.

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION! This is a proverb you are all familiar with—but which may have lost its meaning just because it has become so familiar. We won't argue with this proverb—although it is our own private opinion that there is not as great a difference between the two as you might think. After all, the only source a fiction writer can draw upon for his stories is from real life experiences.

But whether *truth is more important than fiction* is something else. We firmly believe that one is as important as the other. After all, if truth opens the mind to things that have happened and are happening, fiction trains it to appreciate these facts and to recognize their dramatic importance. This is not a new idea of ours. After all, aren't the Arabian Nights and Hans Christian Andersen's Fairy Tales still the most widely read children's books in the world? And very highly recommended by the most outstanding educator, too, we might add.

For those of our readers who are in the higher grades in school, you know that the fiction books you are asked to read in your English classes are regarded as important as the history books you study in your History classes.

THIS IS WHY BLUE RIBBON COMICS ARE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU BOTH FACT AND FICTION STORIES. Both will be written the same high standards—the same policy of giving you the best and the most of it!

Truth can be dry as dust! We know this. *But so can fiction.* We promise you that when you read the true stories beginning in the February issue of BLUE RIBBON COMICS, you will get just as many thrills, just as much red-blooded reading pleasure in the life history of Galileo, the world's most famous astronomer, or Dr. Walter Reed's heroic fight against that deadly disease, YELLOW JACK, as you have in any fiction story you have read.

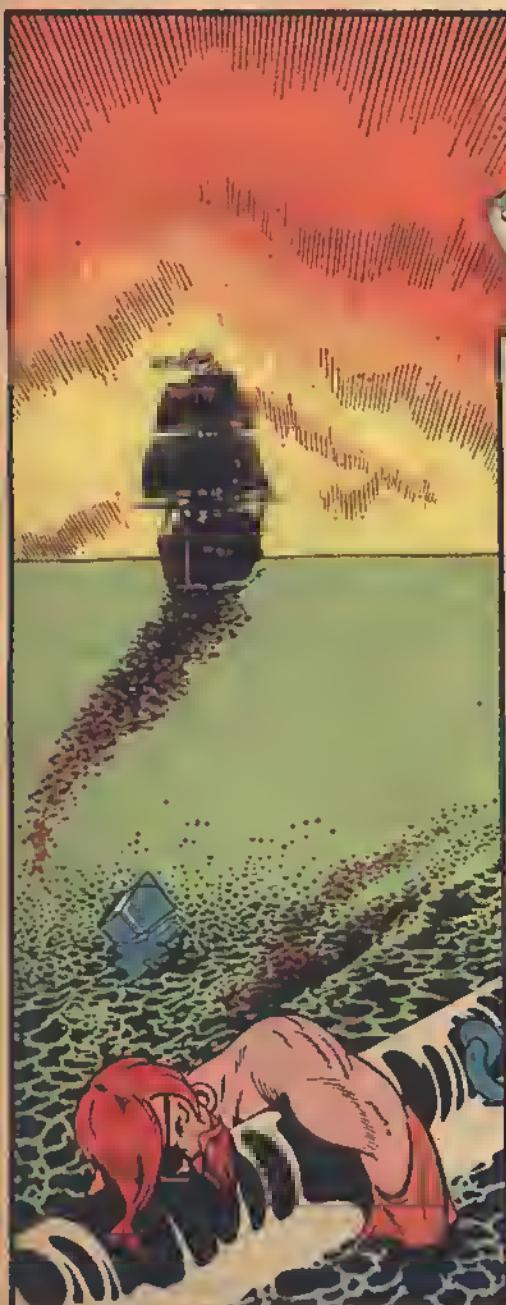
Remember, BLUE RIBBON COMICS still has those famous fiction stories which have been your good friends—and whose friends you have been—for so long a time: Captain Flag; Rang-A-Tang, the original wonder dog; Mr. Justice; Corporal Collins; and others.

So won't you please write us and let us know how you like this brand new brainstorm of ours. **WRITE IMMEDIATELY!** The success of this experiment lies entirely with you! If you like it, we like it twice as much. Thanks a million.

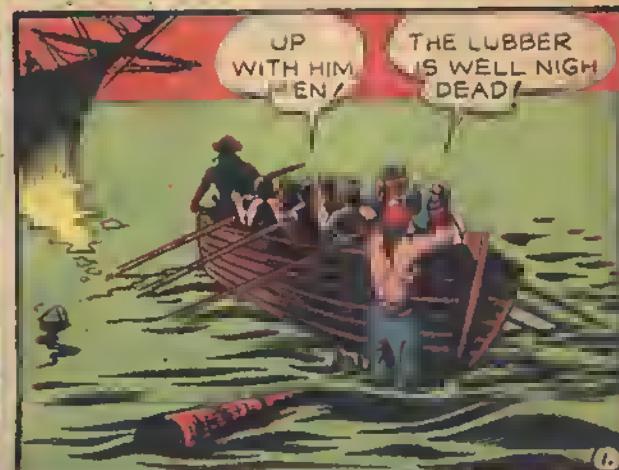
Sincerely yours,

THE EDITORS.

CAPTAIN FLAG



THE EARLY SIXTEENTH CENTURY
--THE JOLLY ROGER HANGS HIGH ON
ALL THE SEVEN SEAS AND PIRATES
PREY ON SHIPS FROM EVERY PORT. BUT
OCCASIONALLY, THEY RUN AFoul OF A
BATTLESHIP AND ARE SENT TO A WATERY
GRAVE. AFTER ONE SUCH BATTLE A
LONE PIRATE CLINGS DESPERATELY
TO A SPAR AND NEAR HIM FLOATS -
A BOOK! ---- AFTER MANY
HOURS -- A SHIP --
APPROACHES --



MY BOOK OF
VERSES! WHERE
IS MY BOOK
OF VERSES
?

WHAT
BOOK ?

THERE IT IS! THERE'S
MY BOOK OF VERSES!
ALL THE WORK OF MY
WHOLE LIFETIME!

A SAILOR PICKS THE
BOOK UP OUT OF THE
WATER...

A BOOK OF VERSES, EH ? YOU MUST
BE THE MURDEROUS DOG KNOWN
AS THE
POET
PIRATE!

VERY WELL, THEN
YE SCURVY EX-
CUSE FOR A
SEA CAPTAIN
IAM THE POET!

YOU SCUM
OF THE SEAS
YOU'LL BE
SWINGING
FROM THE
YARDARM
BEFORE
NOTHER
DAY'S
BEGUN!

GIVE ME MY
BOOK. BLAST
YOUR
BLOODY
BONES !

LISTEN, LAO.
I'M TO DIE ANY-
WAY. IT CAN-
NOT MATTER
TO YOU IF
YOU LET ME
HAVE MY
BOOK OF VERSES

HA.HA
A
CUTTHROAT
SUCH AS YOU
TALKING LIKE
A BLOODY
SCHOOLMASTER

CURSE YOUR BLOODY
SOUL ! I WANT
MY BOOK.
DO YOU
HEAR ?
GIVE ME
MY
BOOK !

HERE YARE YE CRAZY
LOUT. YE MAY AS WELL
AMUSE YOURSELF.
'ERE YE SWING!



FAR INTO THE NIGHT THE POET
PIRATE WRITES AWAY...

IN THE MORNING I SHALL DIE
BUT THESE LAST VERSES OF
MINE SHALL KEEP MEN SHED-
ING EACH OTHER'S
BLOOD LONG AFTER
MY BONES
HAVE
ROTTED
AWAY!

COME
ALONG
PIRATE.
IT'S TIME
FOR YOU
NECK
TO BE
STRETCHED
!

VERY WELL, LAD.
I'M READY BUT I
WANT TO MAKE
YE A PRESENT
BEFORE
I VISIT
DAVEY
JONES
!

HAVE YE HEARD OF THE
SANDHURST TREASURE, LAD?
IT WENT DOWN WITH THE
"LUCY GREY." IN THESE
VERSES OF MINE LIES THE
SECRET OF THE
LOCATION!

THE SANDHURST
REASURE, EH?
AND WHAT IS THIS
SECRET, PIRATE?

THAT'S FOR
HIM TO FIND
OUT WHO
HAS THE
WIT!
COME,
YE WILD FOOL
TELL IT
QUICK!



HA! HA! HA!
THE JACKASS
THINKS I'LL TELL
IT TO HIM!

THE POET PIRATE IS HANG-
ED FROM THE YARD-ARM...
THAT'S THE END OF
HIM. I WONDER WHAT
IN HIS STORY ABOUT
THE BOOK!

I'LL
HAVE A
LOOK AT HIS
BLASTED VER-
SES BEFORE
ANY ONE ELS-
SEES
THEM!

LEAVE IT BE, MATE.
I'LL TAKE THAT BOOK IN
TOW, MYSELF!

NO YE DON'T! IT
BELONGS TO ME!

AYE, WELL, IT'LL
DO YE NO GOOD,
NOW!

OTE
LOST NO
TIME, EH,
BOS'N?



WELL, YOU'VE SAVED ME
THE TROUBLE OF SHOOT-
ING HIM! NOW
ALL I HAVE TO
DO IS SHOOT
YOU!

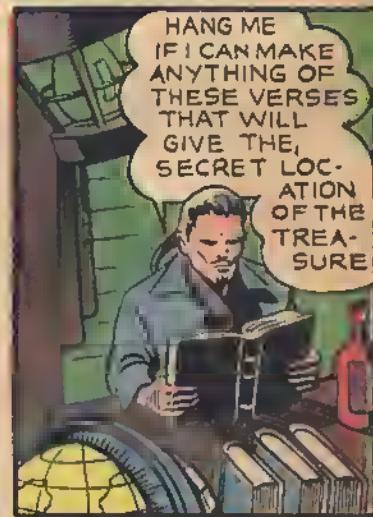
WHY, YOU-



BOTH REACH FOR THE
BOOK. THE CAPTAIN'S
GUN BARKS AND THE
SECOND MATE HAS DIED
BECAUSE OF THE POET
PIRATE'S BOOK!



HANG ME
IF I CAN MAKE
ANYTHING OF
THESE VERSES
THAT WILL
GIVE THE
SECRET LOC-
ATION OF THE
TREAS-
URE

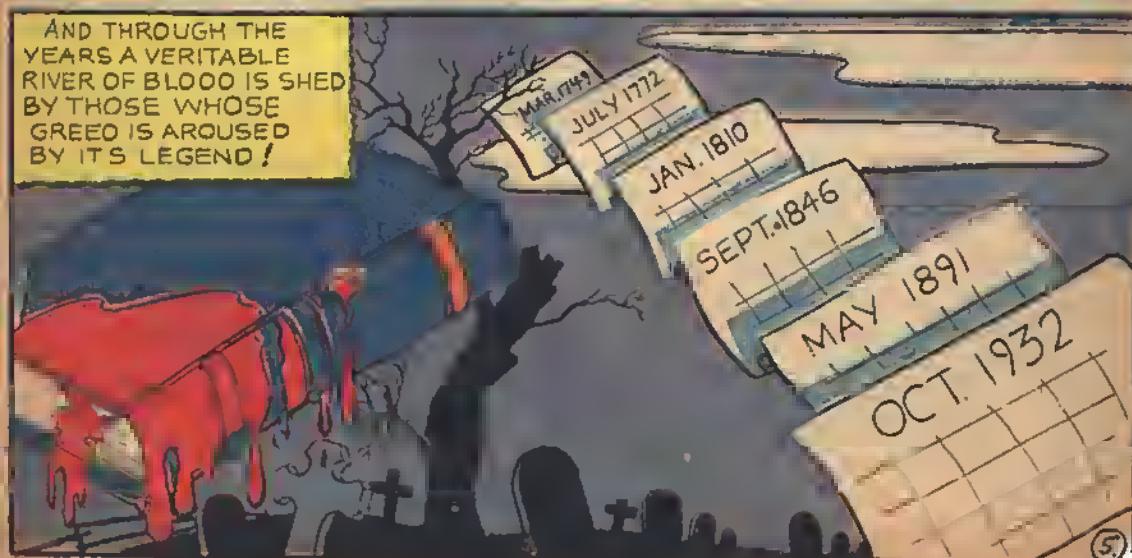
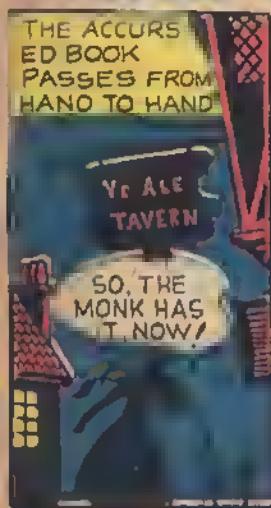


I'LL TAKE
CARE OF HIM
THEN WE'LL BURN THE
SHIP AND OUR STORY
WILL BE THAT
WE WERE
WRECKED!



THERE SHE
GOES. NOW
TO FIND THE
SECRET IN
THE BOOK AND
THEN FOR A
LIFE OF EASE!





HAI BEFORE
MANY HOURS HAVE PASSED
THAT BOOK SHALL BE--

LONG TO--

THE
BLACK

MILLIONAIRE BEQUEATHS VOL.

HAND-
UME OF VERSE BY THE POET

PIRATE TO PUBLIC LIBRARY!

BOOK IS SAID TO CONTAIN

VERSE, WHICH IF INTERPRET-

ED CORRECTLY, GIVES LOC-

ATION OF THE FAMOUS SAND-

HURST TREASURE, SUNK 400

YEARS AGO OFF THE COAST

IT'S A SAFE BET

THE BLACK HAND

WILL BE AFTER THAT

BOOK AND I'D BETTER

BE AROUND

WHEN HE

JAN. 5, 1942 GETS

THERE

QUOTE A YES!....STRANGE
HISTORY HOW PEOPLE FOR
THIS BOOK SO MANY CEN-
HAS, EH?
FOOLED BY THAT
TREASURE NONSENSE!

THE BLACK HAND IN
DISGUISE VISITS THE
LIBRARY--

A PUB-
LIC LIBRARY
IS A NEW.
FIELD FOR
MY KIND
OF WORK

THE FOOL! HE NEVER SUS-
PECTED ME FOR A MINUTE.

I'D LIKE TO SEE THE VOL-
UME OF THE POET PIR-
ATE'S VERSE!
I'M A STUDENT OF
HISTORY MYSELF.

HERE YOU ARE SIR....
AND THE OECIPHERED
VERSE ABOUT THAT
SANDHURST TREASURE
FABLE IS IN THIS
ENVELOPE!

THANK
YOU!

FABLE, IS IT?..
THE BLACK
HAND THINKS
DIFFERENTLY!

SURELY, YOU
CANNOT TAKE IT
OUT OF THIS
ROOM THOUGH!



AT THAT MOMENT...
CAPTAIN FLAG, YOU
INFERNAL MEDDLER!

GOT HERE
BEFORE ME,
EH, BLACK-
HAND!

I MAY BE TOO
LATE TO KEEP YOU
FROM MURDER BUT
YOU WON'T GET THAT BOOK!

MAYBE NOT
FLAG, BUT
YOU'RE GET-
TING IT NOW.
RIGHT ON
YOUR SKULL!

BOOM!

HA! HA! NO-
BODY CAN
STOP THE
BLACK-
HAND!

I DIDN'T THINK
A BOOK COULD
BE THAT HEAVY!

SOON I SHALL
HAVE THE SAND-
HURST TREASURE!



LATER...

HMM, THESE MARGINAL NOTES THE INTERPRETER MADE PRACTICALLY GIVES THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE SUNKEN TREASURE

THE BLACK HAND LOSES NO TIME - SIXTY-TWO DEGREES LATITUDE BY FORTY-ONE LONGITUDE - THAT WAS THE LOCATION GIVEN!



BUT CAPTAIN FLAG IS RIGHT AFTER HIM --

THAT MUST BE THE BLACK HAND'S MOTOR BOAT DOWN THERE - DIVE CLOSE TO THE WATER, PILOT!

OKAY, CAPTAIN FLAG!

HERE IT IS - THE SANDHURST TREASURE. IT TOOK THE BLACK HAND TO FINALLY GET IT!



A GRIM UNDERWATER STRUGGLE
ENSUES ---



..... WITH DEATH
AS THE REFEREE ---



MY FOOT... IT'S CAUGHT! CAN'T
FREE MYSELF... AARGH!



EMPTY! ALL THESE YEARS
PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLING
EACH OTHER FOR A
TREASURE THAT DOESN'T
EXIST. WHAT A GRIM JOKE
THE POET PIRATE PLAYED!



THIS CHEST BELONGS AT
THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA
AND WHEN I GET BACK,
I'M GOING TO DESTROY
THAT BOOK. IT'S CAUS-
ED ENOUGH MISCHIEF!



THAT OUGHT TO
FINISH THE BLACK
HAND!



5 CAPTAIN FLAG
SPEEDS AWAY. THE
BLACK HAND RISES
TO THE SURFACE. IS
IT THE BLOATED
BODY OF A DROWNED MAN
OR WILL THE BLACK
HAND RETURN TO PLAGUE THE WORLD?

RANG-A-TANG

THE WONDER DOG... AND

Ricky

the AMAZING BOY

IN A DARK ROOM, A GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN SIT IN TENSE EXPECTANCY AS DR. SORROW CONDUCTS HIS SEANCE, BRINGING TO THEM THE FACES AND VOICES OF THEIR DEAD RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

NOW MR. LEONARD
BEHOLD THE FACE
OF YOUR DEAR
DEPARTED WIFE.

A WOMAN'S FACE AP-
PEARS ON A SCREEN.

IN THE BASEMENT OF DR SORROW'S HOUSE.

O.K. MIKE, THERE'S THE SIGNAL. SHOOT THE OLD LADY'S MUG ON THE SCREEN.

I GOT IT! I'M PUTTING ON THE RE-CORD.

UPSTAIRS ----

CYRUS DEAR IT IS I, HELEN, YOUR WIFE!

WHY YOU ROTTEN FRAUD! THIS IS A FAKE! THAT'S NOT MY WIFE. MY WIFE NEVER CALLED ME CYRUS IN HER LIFE. SHE ALWAYS CALLED ME BY MY MIDDLE NAME, JIM.

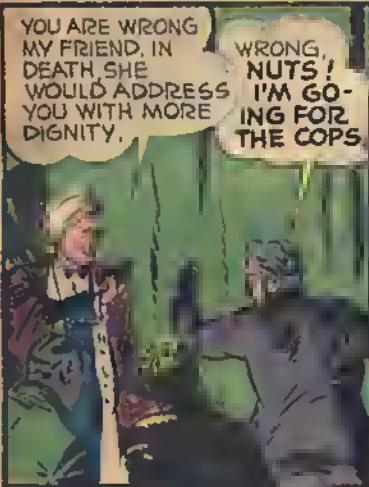


YOU ARE WRONG MY FRIEND, IN DEATH SHE WOULD ADDRESS YOU WITH MORE DIGNITY.

WRONG, NUTS! I'M GOING FOR THE COPS

UNSEEN BY THE OTHERS, DR. SORROW PURES THE LEVER UNDER THE TABLE

SOMETHING'S UP! THAT LAST GUY GOT WISE. WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON!



THIS IS THE END OF YOUR RACKET, DR. SORROW!

YOU SHOOT YOUR MOUTH OFF TOO FAST BUD! BUT THIS IS THE LAST TIME!

QUICK! LET'S GET HIM OUT OF HERE!



IN THE MEANTIME, HY SPEED THE DETECTIVE IS RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS SUPERIOR.

LOOK UP A GUY NAMED DR. SORROW. HE CLAIMS HE'S A SPIRITUALIST.

BUT WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE HE'S RUNNING A PHONY SPIRITUALIST RACKET!

HOW'D YOU TWO LIKE TO WATCH A PHONY CONJURER IN ACTION?

SURE, WE'D LIKE TO GO! WOULDN'T WE RANG?

RIGHT CHIEF!
I'LL START
RIGHT
A-

AR-R

LATER....

YOU GUYS PULLED A BAD BONER, NOT FINDING OUT WHAT THAT OLD BIRD'S WIFE USED TO CALL HIM. HERE AFTER BE MORE CAREFUL, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

O.K. BOSS.

NO MORE SLIP-UPS, JOE! SEE THAT THE X-RAY IS SET RIGHT.

SHE'S OK.

HURRY UP! HERE COME THE FIRST COUPLE OF SUCKERS.

THIS IS IT RICHY!

YOU'LL HAVE TO GET THAT DOG OUT! DR. SORROW WON'T LIKE IT!

DON'T WORRY! HE WON'T HURT ANYBODY.

AS HY AND RICHY GO THROUGH THE DOORWAY, THE X-RAY DEVICE SHOWS THE BADGE AND GUN IN HY'S CLOTHES.



DR. SORROW'S AIDE SIGNALS HIM THAT HY IS A COP

GET THAT DOG OUT OF HERE!
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH THE SPIRIT WORLD
WITH AN ANIMAL IN THE ROOM!

ALLRIGHT BETTER
TAKE RANG OUTSIDE
RICHY.

YOU'LL HAVE
TO STAY IN THE
CLOAK ROOM, RANG
AND BE GOOD.

AS RANG WAITS PATIENTLY
THE CLOAK ROOM WALL
SWINGS AROUND.

NOW TO
GET THE LOW-
DOWN ON THE
SAPS
FROM
THE STUFF
IN THEIR
CLOTHES.

HEY LAY
OFF!

HELP!
HELP!

HY AND RICHY HEAR THE
MAN'S CRY AND RANG'S
SNARL.

OFF, RANG
OFF!
GET THAT
DOG OUT
OF HERE!

YOU'LL HAVE
TO WAIT IN
FRONT OF
THE HOUSE.
THAT DOG
KNOWS
SOMETHING!

THE SEANCE IS RESUMED.

THE SPIRITS TELL ALL TO DR. SORROW. THEY ARE TELLING HIM NOW THAT THERE IS A POLICEMAN AMONG US. LET THE POLICEMAN BEWARE LEST HE OFFEND THE SPIRITS.

AND NOW MRS. LANE, YOUR DEAR BROTHER SHALL APPEAR UNTO YOU.

IT IS I, PHILLIP.

RANG SNIFFING AROUND THE HOUSE COMES UPON THE SCENT OF DEATH.

PUSHING OPEN A WINDOW HE LEAPS INTO THE BASEMENT -----

AND FINDS THE BODY OF MR. LEONARD WHICH DR. SORROW HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISPOSE OF.

LOOK! IT'S THAT MUTT AGAIN! HE'S FOUND THE STIFF!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.

LOOK OUT! HE'S A MAN-EATER!

AS RANG STRIKES, THE PICTURE OF HIM AND DR SORROW'S MENCHMAN IS RECORDED ON THE TELEVISING APPARATUS.



AND FLASHED ON THE SCREEN UPSTAIRS



YOU GO AND HELP RANG, RICHY ! I'LL TAKE CARE OF DR SORROW !

WAIT'LL I GET MY HANDS ON THOSE GUYS !

YOU CHISELLING CROOK, SO THAT'S HOW YOU PUT IT OVER ON THE SUCKERS--WITH RADO OUTFIT !

TOUCH ME, AND YOU'LL DIE !

CALL THIS A TOUCH IF YOU LIKE ---BUT IT OUGHT TO HURT !



NOW DO YOU WANT TO COME ALONG, OR DO YOU WANT MORE !

STOP ! STOP I'VE HAD ENOUGH !

AS HE GETS UP, SORROW'S HAND REACHES TOWARD THE LIGHT SWITCH.

DON'T HIT ME AGAIN !



AND THE ROOM IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS.

DR SORROW STRIKES IN
THE DARK

TRYING TRICKS
IN THE DARK, EH
SORROW ? I'LL
FIND YOU !

AND LANDS A LUCKY
PUNCH.

NO YOU WON'T
COPPER ! HERE'S
ONE YOU WEREN'T
LOOKING FOR !

I'D BETTER GET OUT
NOW WHILE THE
GOING'S GOOD.

IN THE MEANTIME RICHY AND RANG ARE
BATTLING WITH SORROW'S AIDES.

HERE'S WHERE
I POLISH OFF THE
MUTT.

KICK MY DOG,
WILL YOU !

HA ! GOT
HIM !

HERE'S A PATCH
FOR YOUR OTHER
EYE !

RANG ! RANG !
HE'S DEAD !
THEY'VE KILLED
HIM !

YEAH !
AND
YOU'RE
NEXT !

IF THIS DOESN'T
GET YOU, I'LL TEAR
YOUR HEAD OFF
WITH THE NEXT
SOCK !

THAT SETTLES
HIM !

COME ON !
WE GOTTA
LAM, THE
COPS'LL
BE DOWN
AFTER ALL
THAT NOISE !

THOSE TWO NUMBSKULLS
WOULD ONLY BE IN MY WAY, I'LL
LEAVE THEM HERE.

HEY, SORROW!
WAIT FOR US!

THE DIRTY RAT
HE TOOK A
POWDER ON US.

WE'LL MEET
UP WITH HIM
AGAIN AND THEN-

IT'S THAT COPPER
AGAIN. MY PUNCH
DIDN'T PUT HIM OUT
FOR VERY LONG.

STOP SORROW!
OR IT'LL BE
TOO BAD
FOR YOU!

THE FOOL PROBABLY
THINKS I'LL HESITATE
ABOUT RUNNING
HIM DOWN!

BUT AS THE CAR DRAWS
UP TO HIM, HY NIMBLY
LEAPS ON THE BUMPER

NOW I'LL MAKE YOU WISH
YOU HAD STOPPED!

LOOK OUT,
YOU FOOL,
YOU'LL HIT
THE TREE!



THE CAR CRASHES

OW

WHAT A WRECK, I'M
LUCKY TO HAVE
GOTTEN OUT OF
THIS ONE!

HE'S DEAD!
WELL, THAT'S
THE END
OF DR. SOR-
ROW!

I'D BETTER GET BACK
AND SEE HOW RICHY
AND RANG MADE
OUT.

RICHY ? WHAT
HAPPENED ?

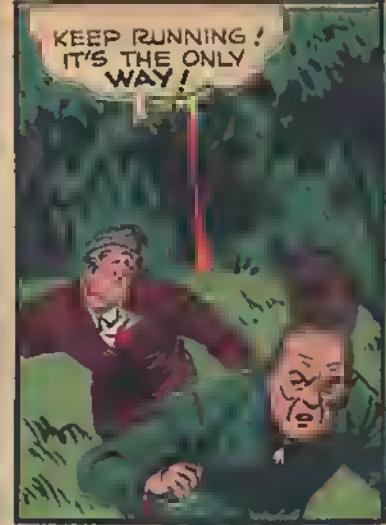
THOSE MUGGS HIT RANG
WITH A KNIFE AND KNOCK-
ED ME OUT.

BUT, WHERE
IS RANG ?

LOOK ! THERE
ARE RANG'S PAW
PRINTS IN THE
DUST !

HE MUST HAVE
COME TO, AND
STARTED AFTER
THOSE EGGS !
LET'S GO !!

HY IS RIGHT, RANG A TANG IS RACING AFTER THE TWO CROOKS WHO SEEK TO OUT-WIT HIM IN A DENSE WOODS.



the RANG-A-TANG CLUB

HONOR LEGION

CARE AND TRAINING OF DOGS

MEMBERSHIP



the RANG-A-TANG HONOR LEGION

HOW TO QUALIFY

There are two ways in which you can be admitted as a charter member of the Honor Legion.

1st Way—In keeping with your Rang-a-Tang and all membership, write a letter relating an exceptional deed you performed involving kindness or courage toward any animal, be it dog, cat, horse, bird, or wild life, and you will be eligible to become a charter member in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion.

2nd Way—In keeping with your personal records.

3rd Way—With Blue Ribbon Comics, published with their names

published in the paper of Blue Ribbon Comics.

4th Way—Letters will be published in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion paper.

5th Way—Enlist two or your friends as members of the Rang-a-Tang Club. Here's how to do it:

A—Just have them apply for membership in the club in the same

way you did.

B—Then drop me a post card giving me their names and addresses.

C—I will then mail you their names and addresses on this card so that you can make your charter member of the Honor Legion.

Charter members of the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion will receive a beautifully engraved Honor Legion diploma, suitable for framing, signed by Dr. Alexander Slawson, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, his father, Dan Slawson, the author, Ed Slawson, and myself.

Just remember this: It is only necessary to do one of the

above two things to obtain charter membership in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion. Go to it!

at once.

THIS MONTH'S MEMBERSHIP LIST

City: Elgin, Illinois	State: Michigan
Unionville, No.	24 Bobbi Ave.
	Buffalo, N.Y.
Deputy Pup	Wildred Rowland
P.O. Box 34	600 Kirkwood
Montgomery, N.Y.	P.O. Box 1, 1/rd St.
Reuter, Tex.	Reuter, Tex.
	St. Louis, Mo.

City: Westport, Conn.	State: New York
1120 Radio St.	956 Fox St.
Bronx, N.Y.	Bronx, N.Y.

Everyone loves a dog. That is because down deep inside everyone is kind and because everyone seeks companionship. The old adage "Man's best friend is his dog" still holds true.

Do you own a dog? Whether you do or whether you don't, you are entitled to join the Rang-a-Tang Club and to become a prospect for charter membership in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion.

The purpose of the Rang-a-Tang Club is to have fellowship among dog lovers and dog owners and to promote kindness towards animals. Also the club wants to help you with any problem concerning your dog. The Rang-a-Tang Club's veterinarian, Dr. Alexander Slawson will furnish to members of the club absolutely free by mail only, information about the care and training of dogs.

HOW TO JOIN THE RANG-A-TANG CLUB

Fill in the coupon which contains the Rang-a-Tang Oath and mail it to Hy Speed together with 10c in coin, to cover handling.

Members of the Rang-a-Tang Club will receive an embossed membership card and a Rang-a-Tang button as well as a free copy of Dr. Slawson's booklet "Highlights on the Health of Your Dog and Cat" and the privilege of becoming a charter member in the Rang-a-Tang Honor Legion. Members will also be entitled to receive by mail only the professional advice of Dr. Alexander Slawson, veterinarian, absolutely free.

THIS MONTH'S HONOR LEGION LETTER

Dear Hy Speed,

One cold night, while the rain was pouring down, I heard a whispering pleading cry of a dog. On side I saw a young shivering Jerry dog. I made a fire and when he was dry I put him in an old coat of mine. The next morning he was quite alright. The owner of the dog, Mr. Jones, came to fetch him the next day. Mr. Jones wanted to give me a whipping for my kindness. I refused. He asked me why. I told him about my dead father who always said, "My son, be kind to animals whenever you can, without thought of reward."

Harold McElmecendolf
26 Crown St., Worcester, C.Y., E. Africa

QUESTIONNAIRE PRINT PRINT

NAME.....	SEX OF DOG.....
ADDRESS.....	CONDITION OF COAT (HAIR),
BREED OF DOG.....	NOSE.....
APPROXIMATE WEIGHT.....	OTHER REMARKS.....
EYES.....	BOVINE FUNCTIONS.....

HY SPEED
50 BLUE RIBBON COMICS
160 WEST BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY

DEAR MR. SPEED:

PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE RANG-A-TANG CLUB. I ENCLOSE 10c IN COIN TO COVER COST OF HANDLING. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT I AM TO RECEIVE MY MEMBERSHIP CARD AND A RANG-A-TANG BUTTON.

NAME.....
(PRINT CLEARLY).....
CITY AND STATE.....
AGE.....

OATH ON MY HONOR I PLEDGE MYSELF TO DEAL KINDLY WITH ALL ANIMALS, BE THEY IN DISTRESS OR OTHERWISE, TO DO A GOOD DEED WHENEVER I CAN. IN ALL PLACES, AT ALL TIMES, I WILL KEEP THIS PLEDGE CONSTANTLY IN MY HEART AND IN MY MIND.

I DO SO SOLEMNLY SWEAR—

SIGN NAME.....

THE

FOX

IN A SPEEDING CAR SITS LEFTY MORAN, HANDCUFFED TO THE SHERIFF AND GALLows BOUND. SUDDENLY A GUN BARKS, A TIRE EXPLODES AND THE POLICE CAR CRASHES!!!

by
Kings of Montana

COME ON, EDDIE! WE GOTTA GET LEFTY OUTA HERE!

THE STRUGGLING SHERIFF IS SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD!

AHHRR!



PAUL PATTON, PHOTOGRAPHER,
AND RUTH RANSOM, REPORTER
FOR THE DAILY GLOBE!

HERE'S A
POLICE CALL.
A BURNING CAR
ON ROUTE 29!

PROB-
ABLY A
FALSE
ALARM!

WELL, MANY A
FALSE ALARM HAS
TURNED INTO A
SCOOP. COME
ON, PAUL,
LET'S GO.

MINUTES
LATER, THE
PRESS CAR
ROARS INTO
THE SCENE!

LOOK, PAUL. IT'S A POLICE
CAR...

WAS A POLICE CAR.
YOU MEAN! IT'S
A BLAZING INFERNO
NOW!

KEEP BACK, RUTH.
THERE'S NOTHING WE
CAN DO TO SAVE
THEM... AND THE CAR
MAY BLOW UP IN
OUR FACES!

THE FIRE'S OUT. I'LL BE.....
NOW, PAUL... I'M ANY OTHER
GOING TO GIRL WOULD
TAKE SOME FAINT AT
PICTURES! SUCH A SIGHT,
AND YOU
TAKE PICTURES.

MEANWHILE, PAUL BENDS
OVER A STRANGE CLUE
ON THE ROAD...

A POOL OF OIL!
THAT MEANS ANOTHER
CAR WAS PARKED HERE!

THIS WAS NO
ACCIDENT.
IT LOOKS
LIKE DELIB-
ERATE
MURDER
TO ME!

COME ON,
SHERLOCK.
TIME TO
GO!

RUTH, I'VE GOT ... THAT WE'LL BOTH LAND IN THE HOOSER GOW IF WE DON'T GET OUT OF HERE! THE COPS WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE!

CHIEF, WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE FIRST!

NONSENSE, CHIEF! THIS IS THROUGH THE PIX SCOOP!

LEFTY MORAN! YOU SAID IT! RUSH!

AND WHILE YOU'RE THERE, DEVELOP A NEW BRAIN FOR YOURSELF! THAT MEANS THE DARK ROOM FOR YOU!



MEANWHILE, AT THAT MOMENT, A DARING DAYLIGHT JEWEL ROBBERY TAKES PLACE!

PAUL REACHES THE SCENE IN TIME TO HEAR AN EYE-WITNESS REPORT...



MINUTES LATER, THE FOX CLIMBS TO DOLLY BAKER'S APARTMENT.

LEFTY MORAN, DEAD, EH, WELL, HE'S SURE A LIVELY CORPSE!

OH, VISITORS, HUH? STEADY BABY, I'LL HANDLE IT!

OKAY, YOU'COMB OUTTA THERE AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!

BEAT IT, LEFTY, I'LL HANDLE FANCY-PANTS!

SORRY, MISS, BUT LOADED GUNS ARE DANGEROUS!

SURE! WHY NOT?

THE FOX LEAPS FROM THE WINDOW AS THE KILLER SPEEDS AWAY!

OON!

CLICK!

WELL, WELL! GETTING KIND OF
HANDY WITH YOUR RIGHT, EH
LEFTY?

OW!
MY ARM!

I'M PRETTY GOOD
WITH A RIGHT,
TOO!

S LEFTY COLLAPSES AT THE WHEEL,
THE FOX LEAPS TO THE ROADSIDE....

HOW THE HECK
DID YOU KNOW LEFTY
WAS ALIVE, FOX?

A LITTLE BIRDIE
TOLD ME... A
WREN!

SMILE FOR THE
BIRDIE, LEFTY.

WEEEEE

SAY, WHERE
DID THAT
COME
FROM?

WHY DON'T
YOU THROW
THIS JUNK
AWAY?

THAT EVENING, PAUL
PATTON 'DISCOVERS' A
ROLL OF FILM ON
RUTH'S DESK...

LATER, RUTH HURRIES FROM THE DARK
ROOM WITH STARTLING EVIDENCE!

LOOK! MORAN
IS ALIVE!
HERE'S PROOF!
HMM, WONDER
WHAT! WHERE THEY
CAME
FROM?

AW, NOW CHIEF...
YOU BLAME ME FOR
EVERYTHING!

THROWING AWAY
PRIZE PIX, EH?
I OUGHTA CAN
YOU!

THE END

Corporal **COLLINS** INFANTRYMAN

KEEP FIRING
MEN!
THEY'LL PAY
PLENTY BEFORE
THEY TAKE US!

CORPORAL COLLINS IS HAVING HIS TROUBLES - **BUT PLENTY!** TREMENDOUSLY OUTNUMBERED, THE REMNANTS OF THE ENGLISH BATTALION FIGHTING DEEP IN THE RUSSIAN UKRAINE NOW FIND THEMSELVES HOPELESSLY TRAPPED IN A GERMAN POCKET! TIGHTER AND TIGHTER THE RING IS DRAWN ABOUT THEM, BUT THEY STILL REFUSE TO SURRENDER!

THESE KRAUTS REALLY ARE KEEPING US BUSY... WELL, I'VE GOT A SPARE PINEAPPLE THAT'S LOOKING FOR WORK!



BOOM





I'LL BE...WE'VE CRAWLED
INTO A WATER PUMPING
STATION... SAY- WHAT'S
ALL THAT RACKET
OUTSIDE ?

FOR SEEMINGLY ENDLESS HOURS,
CORPORAL COLLINS AND HIS MEN
CRAWL THROUGH THE PIPE, UNTIL

SUFFERIN' SAILS IN THE SUNSET !
WE'RE RIGHT BACK IN THE CITY
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
DEFENDING - OR WHAT'S
LEFT OF IT ! C'MON,
SLAPSHIE, WE'RE GO-
ING TO REPORT TO
MARSHAL TIMODENNY !
... WE'LL TELL HIM
WHAT'S HAPPENED
TO US - I MAY BE
ABLE TO FIND OUT
WHAT'S HAPPEN-
ING HERE !

FACTORY

AH. ER, EXCUSE ME, GENERAL. I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT BUT I COME IN! I DON'T ANYTHING UPSET YOU RUSSIANS? YOU ACT AS CALM AS THOUGH THE GER- MANS WERE ON MARS INSTEAD OF ON YOUR DOORSTEP!

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LEAVE YOUR ORDERLY BEHIND. I'LL GIVE HIM ANY OTHER ORDERS I'M THINKING OF!

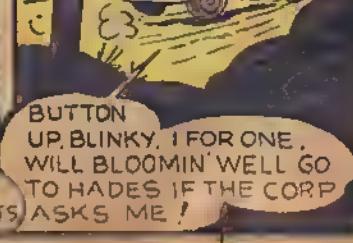


BOY, I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO THESE RUSSIANS! BOMBS FALLING ALL AROUND THEM AND THEY STILL KEEP THE OPERA GOING!



HERE! AN ORDER FROM THE GENERAL TO COMRADE COLLINS, HURRY!





HMM - A MERRY-GO-ROUND, IT'S A SCREWBALL IDEA BUT IT MIGHT WORK! TAKE IT APART.

B. BUT, COMRADE! BOYS! CAN I HAVE A RIDE FIRST, CORP?

HOW ABOUT THE MERRY-GO-ROUND HORSES, CORP? TAKE THOSE, ALSO?

I SAY, REGGIE, DOESN'T THAT MOUNTAIN PASS THIS PLACE LOOK FAMILIAR TO YOU?

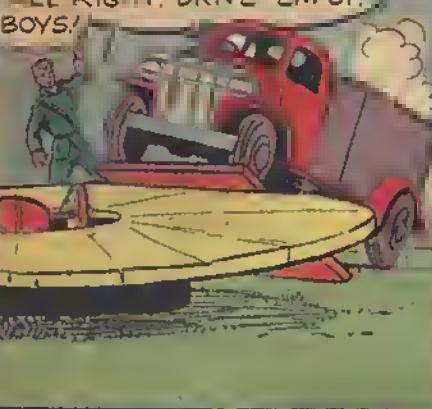
JOVE, YES, WE'RE AT THAT MOUNTAIN PASS WE WERE DEFENDING LAST MONTH. WONDER WHAT THE CORPORAL HAS UP HIS SLEEVE!

OOF-NO (PUF PUF) JUST THE PLATFORM!

ONCE AT THE PASS, COLLINS HAS THE MERRY-GO-ROUND PLATFORM REASSEMBLED AND-- ALL RIGHT, DRIVE 'EM UP, BOYS!

OKAY, BOYS. PILE INTO THE TRUCKS AND THEN WE START THE MERRY-GO-ROUND GOING!

WHILE AT THE GERMAN LINES HA, SOON WE HAFF OUR RAILROAD BUILT RIGHT THROUGH THE PASS, FRITZ. FIRST, VE BETTER LOOK UND SEE IF ALL IS CLEAR.



ACH, HIMMEL, REINFORCEMENTS! TOUSANDS OF DEM!

HIMMEL, VE MUST RETURN TO OUR MAIN BASE!

GET BACK ON DER TRAIN, EVERYBODY! VE HAFF BEEN LED INTO A TRAP! HURRY!

WHAT THE GERMANS SEE THE TRUCKS REVOLVING AROUND ON THE PLATFORM GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF AN ENDLESS STREAM OF THEM--

MEANWHILE, COLLINS AND SLAPSIE CRAWL TOWARD THE GERMAN LINES, UNSEEN TO NOTE THE EFFECTS OF THEIR RUSE --- IT WORKED. SLAPSIE, THEY'RE ALL PILING ONTO THE TRAIN HEADING FOR THEIR BASE!

HURRY!
HURRY!

C'MON, KID, WE'RE HITCHING OURSELVES A RIDE ... I'D LIKE TO PROWL AROUND THAT GERMAN BASE!

WELL, LET'S HEAD FOR OURS, CORP!

YOU NUTS, CORP?
WE'LL BE KILLED--OOF!
OKAY, OKAY, I'M COMIN'!

HSST, SLAPSIE,
WE'VE ARRIVED!

DANGER
EXPLOSIVE

WOW! IMAGINE THE DAMAGE
ONE LITTLE
LIGHTED
MATCH COULD
DO!

IGETCHA, CORP, BUT HOW
ARE WE GONNA SNEAK
PAST THE GUARDS?

WATCH!

IVE GOT THE FUSE
PLANTED! NOW, RUN
IKE YOU'VE NEVER RUN
BEFORE, WHEN I LIGHT IT!

BOOM

BAW

IN SPLIT SECONDS, THE EXPLOSIONS MUSHROOM FROM ONE END OF CAMP TO THE OTHER AS THE AMMUNITION DUMP GOES OFF --

HAVOC IS WROUGHT
AND SOON AN EFFICIENT
BASE OF OPERATIONS BECOMES
A SHAMBLES!



LATER, CORPORAL COLLINS MAKES HIS REPORT TO GENERAL TIMODENNY. VUNDERFUL! MARVELOUS! NOW, WE CAN MOOFING OUR CITY OUT OF TROUBLE!

WELL, UH, YOU COULD DO SOMETHIN' FOR US. AT THAT, I HAVEN'T HAD A BATH IN AN AWFUL LONG TIME - AND...

BUT OF COURSE YOU SHALL BE HAFFINK VUN RIGHT WAY AND USE THE BATH.

I GOT PERMISSION FROM THE GENERAL TO THESE RUSSIANS HAVE IMAGINE MOVING A WHOLE BUILOING!

IN OUR CAPITOL. IN OUR CAPITOL.

NOTTINK TOO GOOD FOR YOU!

ROOM IN THE CAPITOL.

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOIN' WITH IT, ANYHOW?

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LATER, SLAPSIE AWAKES, UNDRESSES - HEADS FOR THE BATH -



BLANKETY-BLANK! THEY DID MOVE THE CAPITOL!

HA, HA, HA! THE GENERAL GAVE ORDERS NOT TO DISTURB

YOU SO. WHEN THEY SAW YOU SLEEPING,

THEY CARRIED OUT ORDERS - AND HOW!

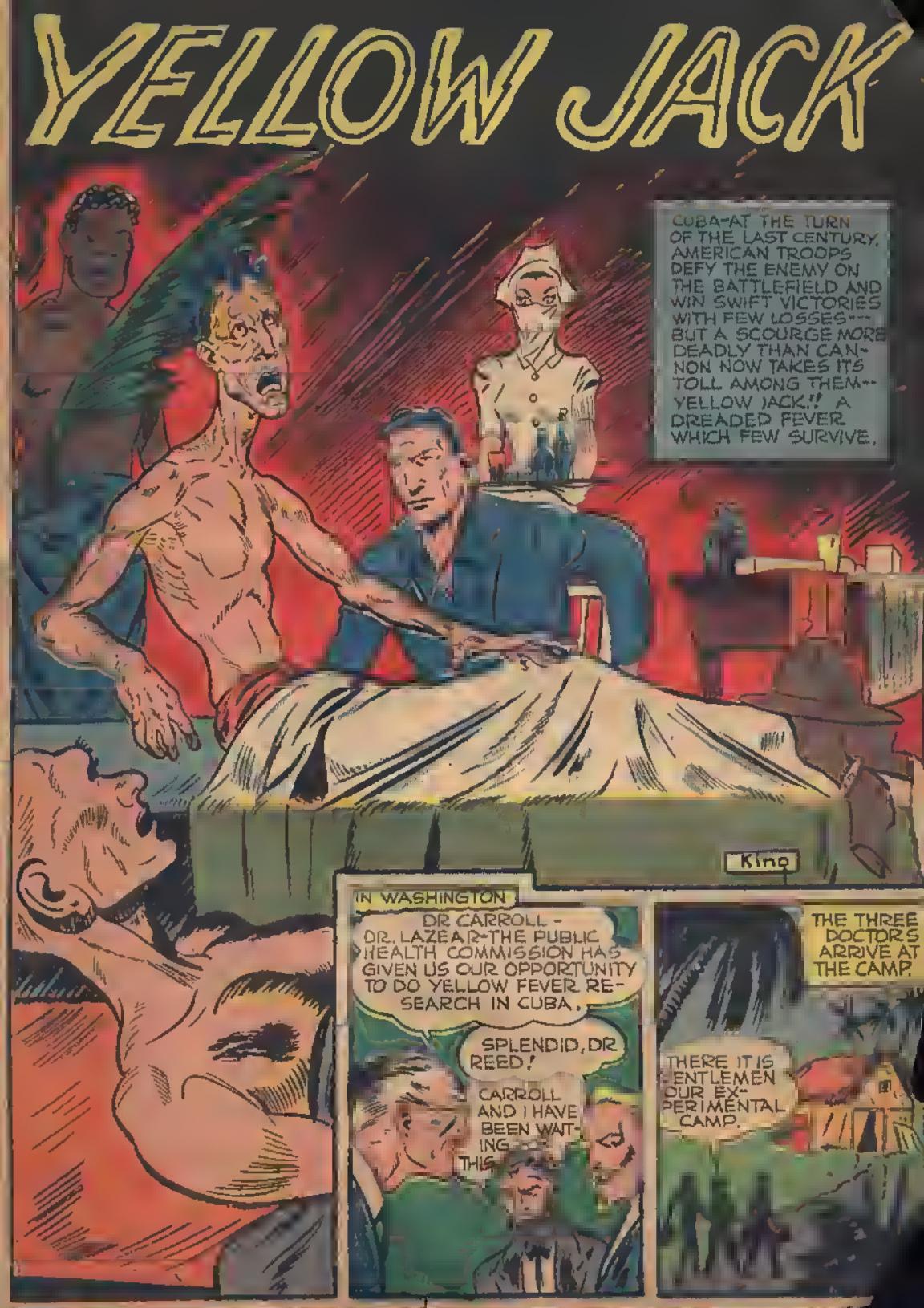
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JACKPOT COMICS NO.4

PROUDLY ANNOUNCES A NEW ADDITION TO ITS FAMILY.....
Archie THIS ISSUE IS ON SALE RIGHT NOW!



YELLOW JACK



CUBA-AT THE TURN OF THE LAST CENTURY, AMERICAN TROOPS DEFY THE ENEMY ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND WIN SWIFT VICTORIES WITH FEW LOSSES--- BUT A SCOURGE MORE DEADLY THAN CANON NOW TAKES ITS TOLL AMONG THEM--- YELLOW JACK!! A DREADED FEVER WHICH FEW SURVIVE.

IN WASHINGTON

DR CARROLL -
DR. LAZEAR - THE PUBLIC
HEALTH COMMISSION HAS
GIVEN US OUR OPPORTUNITY
TO DO YELLOW FEVER RE-
SEARCH IN CUBA.

SPLENDID, DR.
REED!

CARROLL
AND I HAVE
BEEN WAIT-
ING
THIS

THE THREE
DOCTORS ARRIVE AT
THE CAMP.

THERE IT IS
GENTLEMEN
OUR EX-
PERIMENTAL
CAMP.

THE THREE DOCTORS
EXAMINE A BED-
RIDDEN YELLOW
FEVER PATIENT.

HIS PULSE
IS LOW.
THERE IS NO
HOPE.

A CUBAN DOCTOR
CALLS ON THE
AMERICAN PHYSICIANS

I TELL YOU, GENTLEMEN.
YELLOW FEVER IS CARRIED
BY A MOSQUITO. YOUR
RESEARCH WILL BE
WASTED UNLESS YOU
TRACE THE FEVER TO A
MOSQUITO.

WITHOUT TELLING HIS COLLEAGUES,
DR LAZEAR GOES TO HIS
LABORATORY

I'LL TAKE THESE
NEWLY HATCHED MOS-
QUITOES, AND TRY
TO INJECT THEM
INTO THE BLOOD
OF A YELLOW
FEVER PATIENT.

WHAT ARE
YOU GONNA
DO, DOC?

DON'T
WORRY MY
BOY IT'S JUST
AN EXPERIMENT
FOR YOUR
OWN GOOD.

HEY, WHAT'S THE IDEA?
I FEEL ROTTEN ENOUGH
WITHOUT YOU TURNING
A FLOCK OF MOSQUITOES
LOOSE ON ME!

THE INSECTS BITE THE YELLOW
FEVER VICTIM.

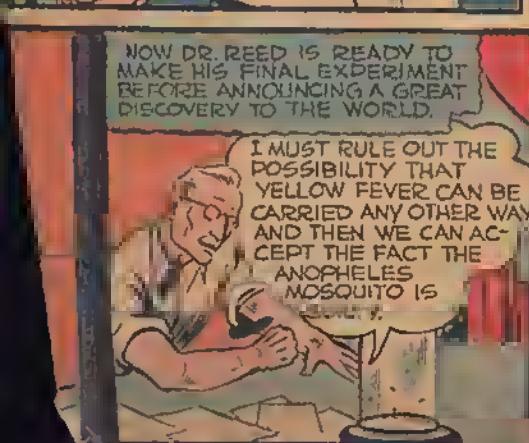
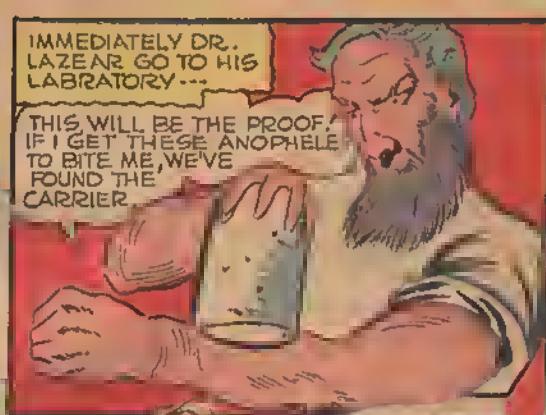
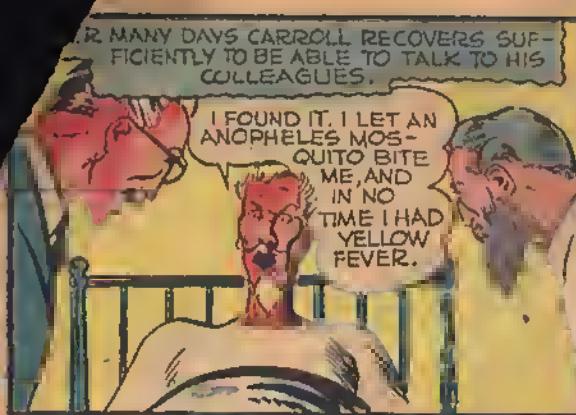
I WILL --- RIGHT NOW!
THIS SWAMP WATER
WILL LURE THEM
BACK! SEE, HERE
THEY COME
NOW!

TAKE THEM
AWAY!

NOW---YOU
LITTLE DEVILS.
BITE ME! AND
LET'S SEE IF YOU
CAN GIVE ME
YELLOW
FEVER!

DR. LAZEAR WAITS, WONDERING WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL BECOME ILL.





I WANT FOUR MEN TO ACT AS GUINEA PIGS IN AN EXPERIMENT TO DETERMINE THE LONE CAUSE OF YELLOW FEVER.

WE'RE READY, SIR.

THIS EXPERIMENT MAY COST YOU YOUR LIVES. I'M GOING TO PAY YOU WELL FOR THIS!

WE WON'T TAKE THE MONEY, SIR. WELL DO THIS BECAUSE YOU SAY IT WILL HELP RID THE WORLD OF YELLOW FEVER.

UNDER REED'S SUPERVISION, A HOUSE IS BUILT IN THE JUNGLE.

THE HOUSE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS

CLOTHES OF INFECTED PATIENTS, DIRTY LINENS AND RUBBISH ARE PUT IN ONE SECTION,

THE OTHER SECTION IS KEPT IMMACULATEDLY CLEAN.

TWO VOLUNTEERS ARE PUT IN EACH SECTION --

SO LONG JOE ! IF I DON'T COME OUT. GIVE MY REGARDS TO MAMIE

IN THE DIRTY SECTION --

HEY, LOOK AT THIS CRUMMY GRUB, IT AINT FIT FOR A PIG !!

IN THE CLEAN SECTION --

BOY, THIS IS THE LIFE. NO WORK -- JUST SIT AROUND AND EAT GOOD FOOD !!

BUT THE CLEAN SECTION HAS NOT BEEN SCREENED---AND AS THE VOLUNTEERS GO TO BED THAT NIGHT--

COME ON MOSQUITOES! OO YOUR STUFF!

GO AHEAD AND BITE. CATCH ME BELIEVING THAT STUFF ABOUT A LITTLE BUG GIVING YOU YELLOW JACK!

LATER--

GOLLY I'M BURNING UP!

ME TOO! MY HEAD FEELS AS IF IT IS COMIN' OFF.

I CAN'T STAND IT! OOC, I CAN'T STAND IT!

OH-H MY HEAD!

YELLOW JACK!

WHILE IN THE DIRTY SECTION, THE SOLDIERS GROUSE ABOUT THE BAD FOOD--BUT THEY ARE WELL

I CAN'T WAIT TILL WE GET OUT OF HERE!

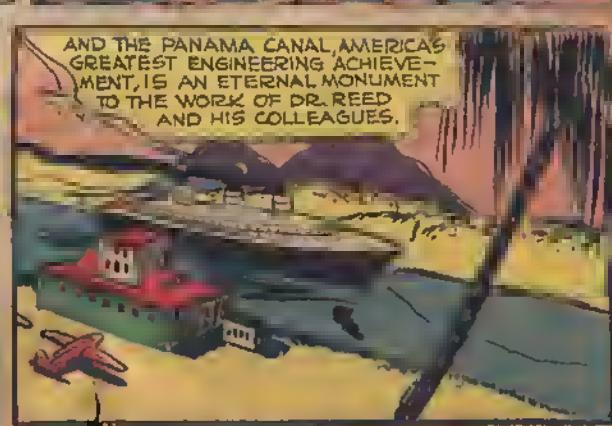
AS THE YELLOW JACK VICTIMS DIE --

THIS PROVES IT! ONLY THE ANOPHELES MOSQUITO CAN CARRY THE FEVER. THE MEN IN THE OTHER SECTION LIVE UNDER THE MOST UNSANITARY CONDITIONS, AND YET THEY LIVE!

AND SO THE SWAMPS ARE DRAINED TO RID CUBA OF MOSQUITOES



AND THE PANAMA CANAL, AMERICA'S GREATEST ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT, IS AN ETERNAL MONUMENT TO THE WORK OF DR. REED AND HIS COLLEAGUES.



TALES FROM

The WITCH'S CAULDRON



LOOK, LOOK INTO THE FLAMES ! WHAT DO YOU SEE ?

YES, IT'S A HORSE ! THE BLACK STALLION OF DEATH !

LIGHTNING STRIKES THE WITCH'S CAULDRON ! ITS CONTENTS ARE SPILLED INTO THE FLAMING FIRE AND FROM OUT OF THE LEAPING FLAMES THERE RISES . . .



THE LEGEND OF THE BLACK TALLION HAS ITS BEGINNING MANY YEARS AGO IN THE HORSE BREEDING COUNTRY OF VIRGINIA...



JAMES ELLIOT IS UNMERCIFULLY FLOGGING ONE OF HIS ANIMALS



WHEN SUDDENLY

STOP BEATING THAT HORSE, YOU COWARD!



STEADY THERE, BOY! EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!



THIS WILL TEACH YOU TO STAY OUT OF MY AFFAIRS, YOU MEDDLER!



I'M AFRAID IT'S YOU WHO MUST BE TAUGHT A LESSON!



JUST WHAT IS YOUR IDEA IN FLOGGING THAT POOR ANIMAL?

WHY? THAT BEAST HAS GIVEN ME NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!

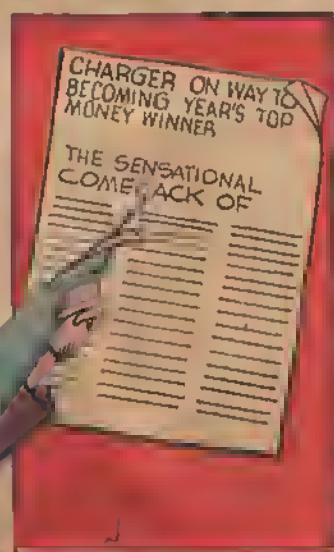


HE'S COST ME A FORTUNE IN MONEY AND TIME, YET WHENEVER I ENTER HIM IN A RACE, HE FALLS DOWN ON ME! HE'S WORTHLESS!



HERE, I'LL TAKE HIM OFF YOUR HANDS! I'M SURE THIS MONEY WILL BE SUFFICIENT!







THE NEXT DAY

STRANGE...I SEEMED TO HEAR A CURSE FLUNG AT ME FROM THAT BURNING HOUSE - OH WELL, A BRISK CANTER'LL SHAKE THE GITTERS OUT OF ME!

SAY, THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL, BLACK STALLION! I WONDER WHERE HE CAME FROM?

HE SEEMS FRIENDLY ENOUGH - I THINK I'LL SADDLE HIM AND TRY HIM OUT!

WHY - HE'S THE FASTEST THING I EVER RODED! I SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLEAN UP, WITH HIM RUNNING FOR ME!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU BELONGED TO, BUT FROM NOW ON YOU BELONG TO ME, BABY!

THAT EVENING WELL, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MY LUCK IS ON THE RISE AGAIN, AFTER GETTING RID OF THAT FOOL

SUDDENLY

COME QUICKLY SIR, THE WHOLE FOREST IS ON FIRE! THE WIND'S DRIVING IT THIS WAY - VERY FAST!

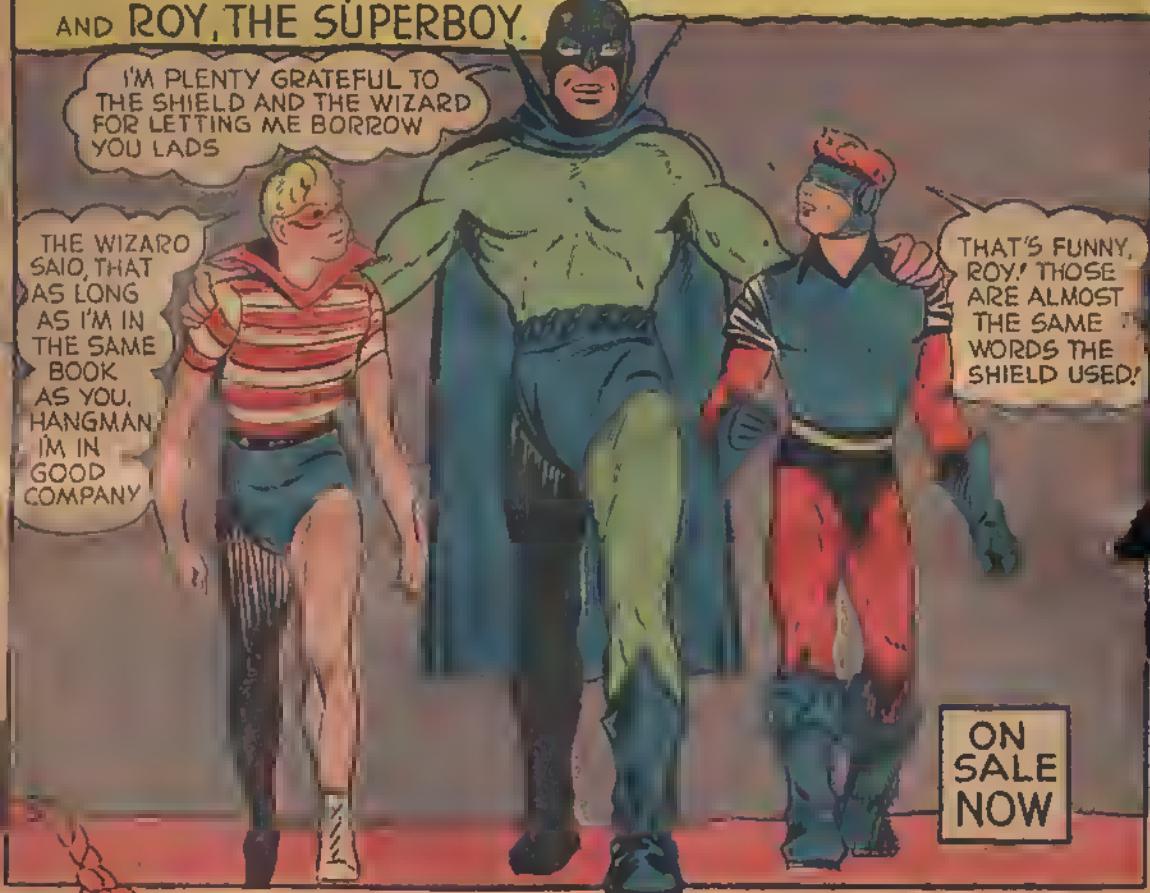
IT'S GOT A GOOD START, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF HERE IN TIME!

THE BLACK STALLION! HE'S MY ONLY HOPE - HIS SPEED MIGHT BE FAST ENOUGH TO CARRY ME TO SAFETY!



HANGMAN COMICS

STARRING THE HANGMAN AND FEATURING THOSE
BOY BUDDIES, DUSTY THE SPECTACULAR BOY DETECTIVE
AND ROY, THE SUPERBOY.



ON
SALE
NOW



GALILEO

THIS IS THE STORY OF GALILEO, A SCIENTIST WHOSE EXPERIMENTS BROUGHT TO AN END THE MUDDLED THINKING OF THE MIDDLE AGES AND WHOSE DISCOVERIES CHANGED OPINIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE WORLD WHICH MEN HAD HELD FOR CENTURIES ...

AS A YOUNG MAN, GALILEO ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF PISA

EXCUSE ME, PROFESSOR - BUT HOW CAN WE BE SURE THE SUN REVOLVES AROUND THE EARTH ?

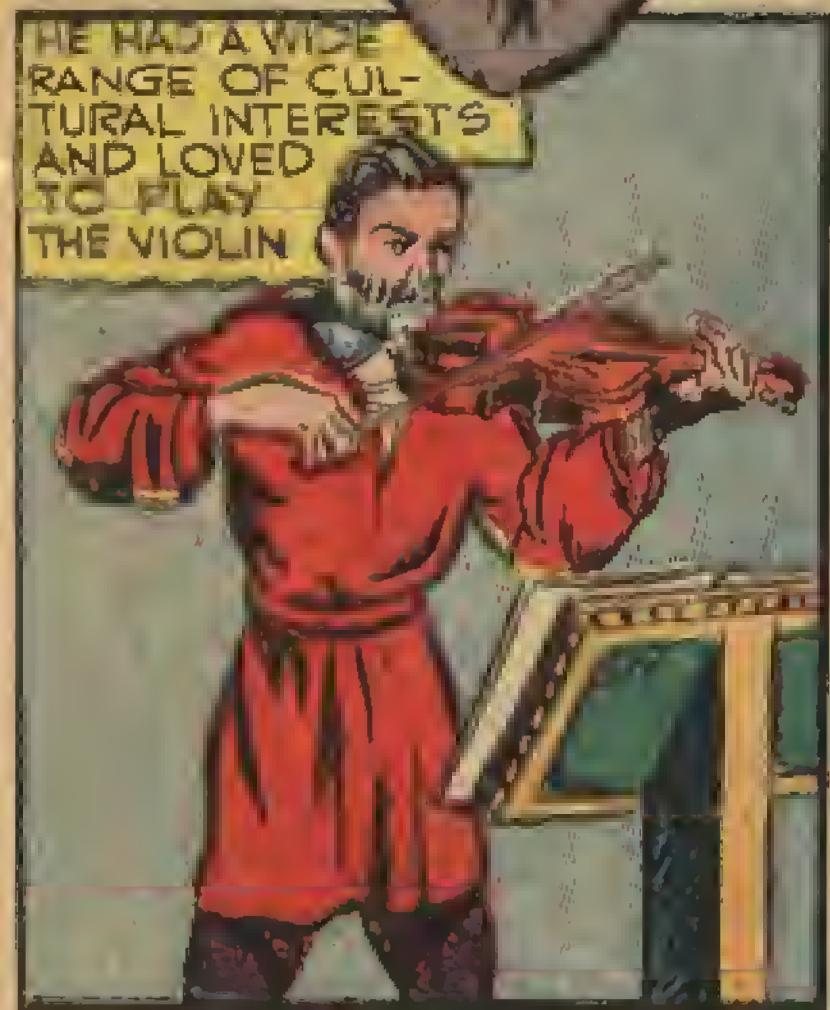
BECAUSE, MASTER GALILEO, WE HAVE IT ON THE AUTHORITY OF OUR GREATEST PHILOSOPHERS!

BUT - HAVE THEY DEMONSTRATED IT? THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE IMPORTANT THING!

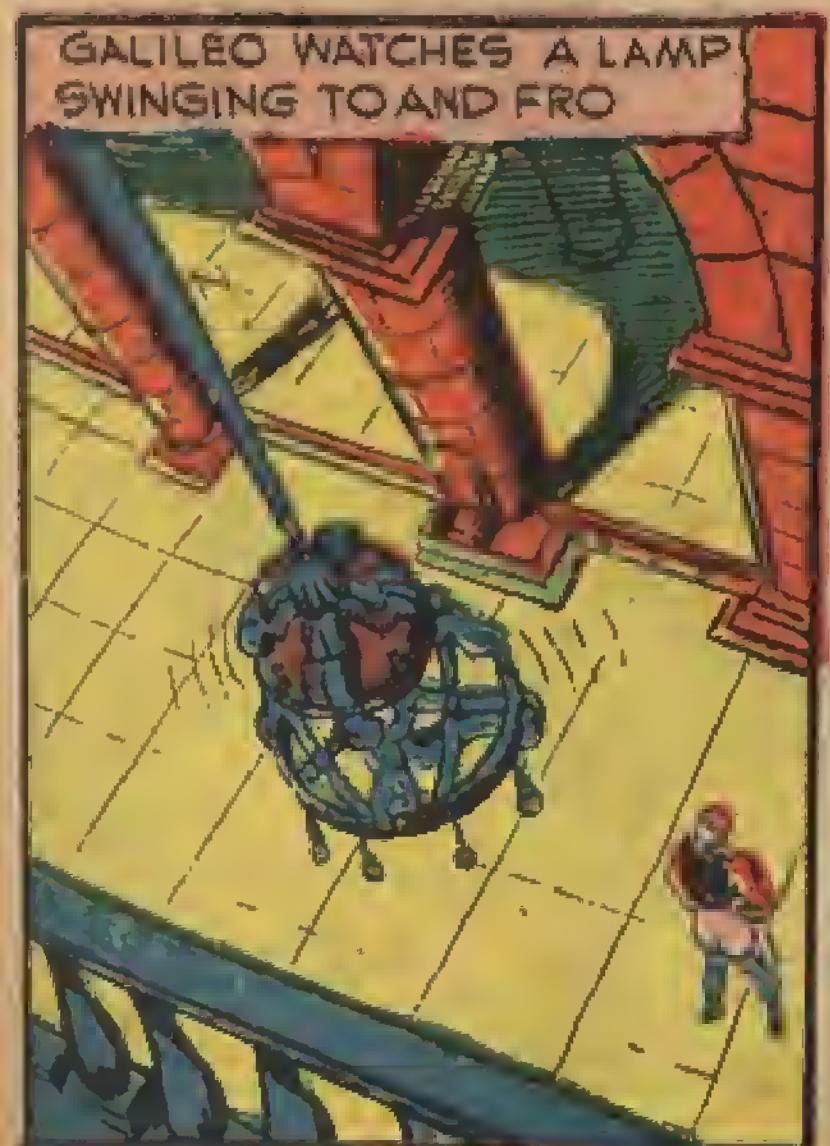
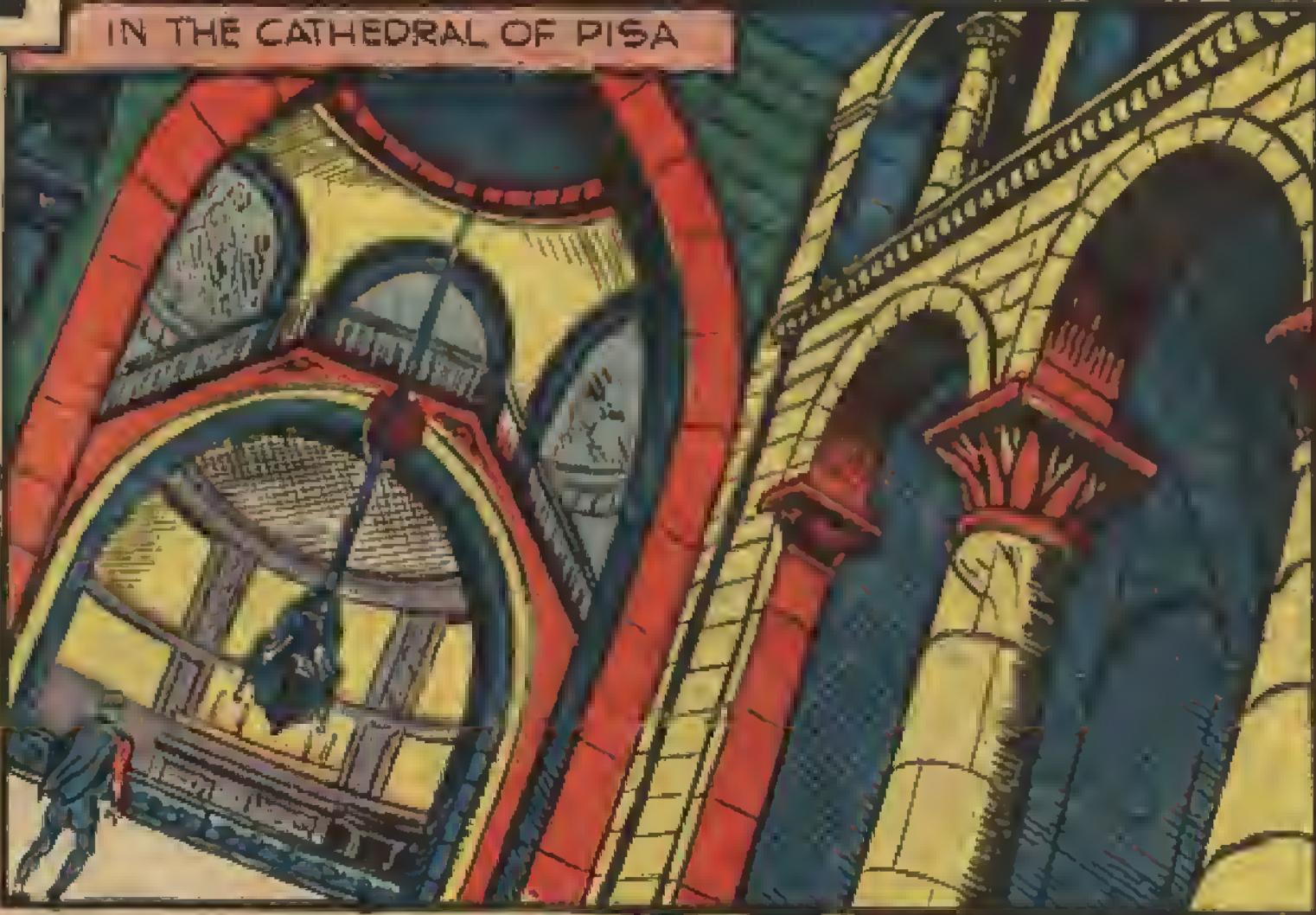
GALILEO'S CURIOSITY EXTENDED TO ALL BRANCHES OF SCIENCE

THAT IS A BEAUTIFUL DISSECTION, GALILEO!

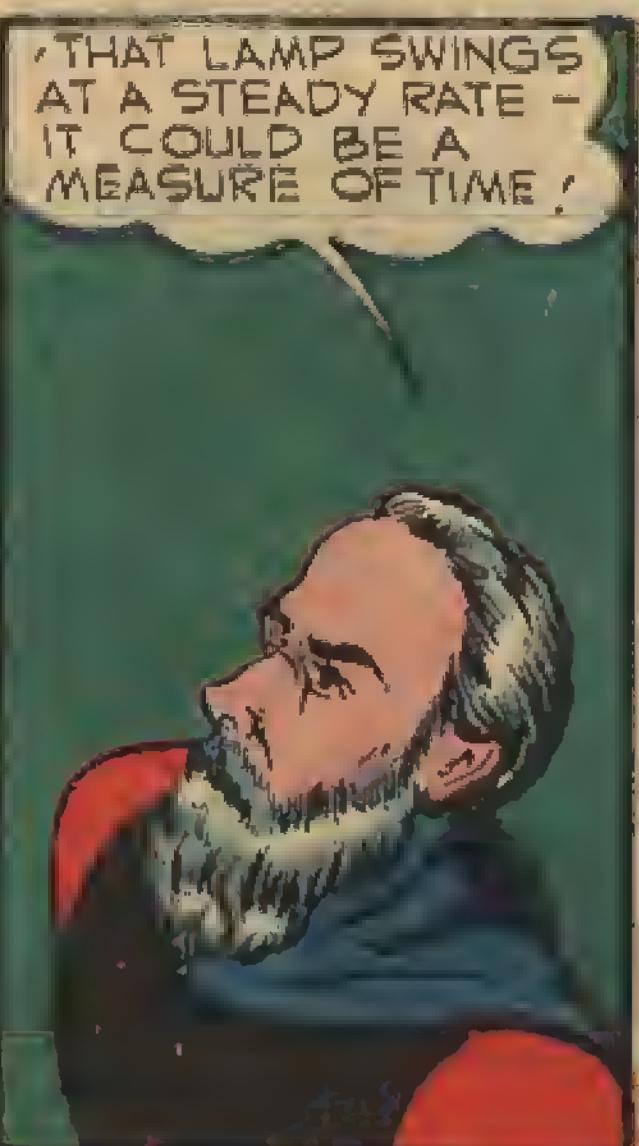
THANK YOU. NOW OBSERVE HOW THIS ARTERY EXTENDS ALL THE WAY DOWN!



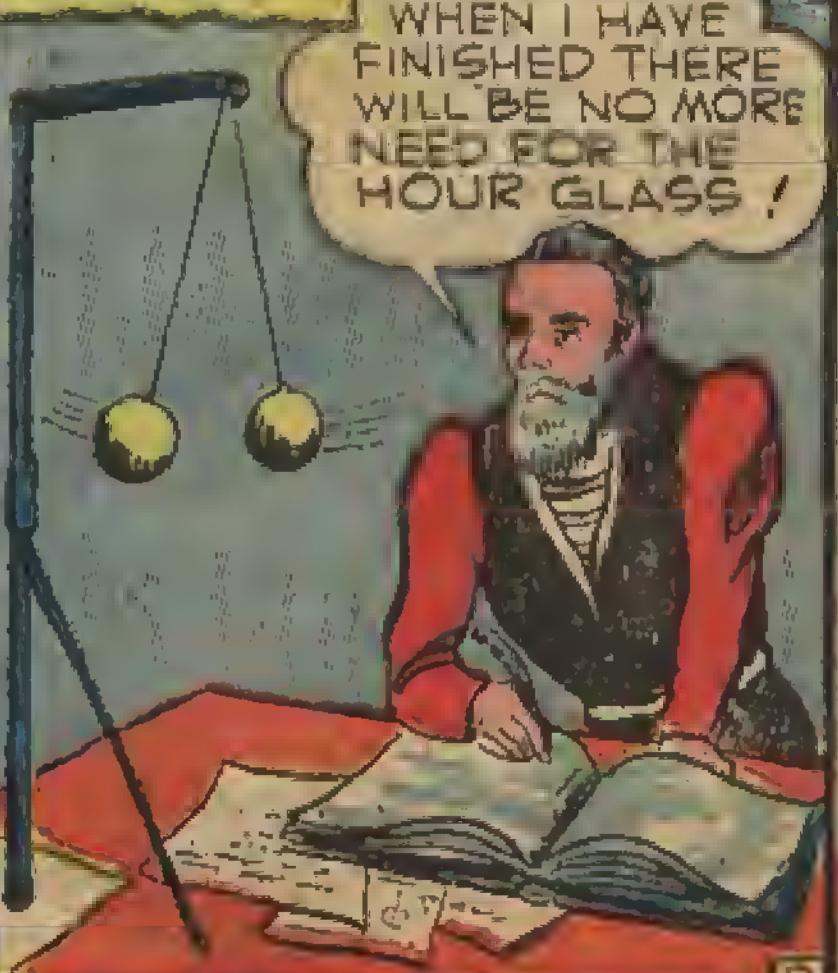
IN THE CATHEDRAL OF PISA



THAT LAMP SWINGS AT A STEADY RATE - IT COULD BE A MEASURE OF TIME!



IN HIS LABORATORY, GALILEO EXPERIMENTS WITH THE PENDULUM



GALILEO HAD HIS FIRST TEACHING APPOINTMENT AS INSTRUCTOR OF MATHEMATICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PISA

THERE IS MORE TO MATHEMATICS THAN WE CAN FIND IN EUCLID OR THE OTHER ANCIENTS!

ON THE TOP OF THE TOWER OF PISA

NOW I WILL DROP THESE TWO DIFFERENT WEIGHTS TO THE GROUND BELOW!

OBSERVE, GENTLEMEN - IN SPITE OF THEIR DIFFERENT WEIGHTS, BOTH ARE FALLING AT THE SAME SPEED!

GALILEO'S SUPERIORS AT THE UNIVERSITY CONFER

WE CANNOT ALLOW THESE RADICAL THEORIES TO BE TAUGHT HERE!

WE ARE FORCING YOU TO RESIGN BECAUSE YOUR TEACHINGS ARE CONTRARY TO ARISTOTLE

MARCHESE GUIDOBALDO - GALILEO'S FRIEND, ADDRESSES THE SENATE OF VENICE

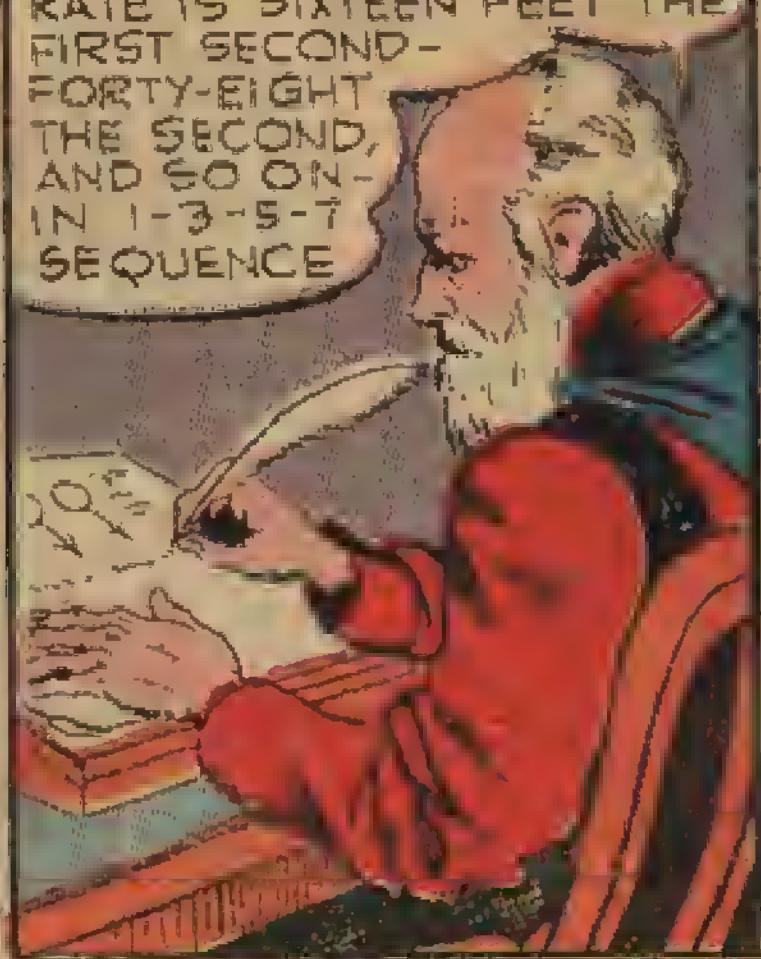
GALILEO WAS DISMISSED UNJUSTLY! THEREFORE, I AM ASKING YOU TO APPOINT HIM PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PADUA

AT PADUA, SCHOLARS FROM ALL OVER EUROPE COME TO LISTEN TO GALILEO

HE EXPERIMENTS FURTHER
WITH FALLING BODIES

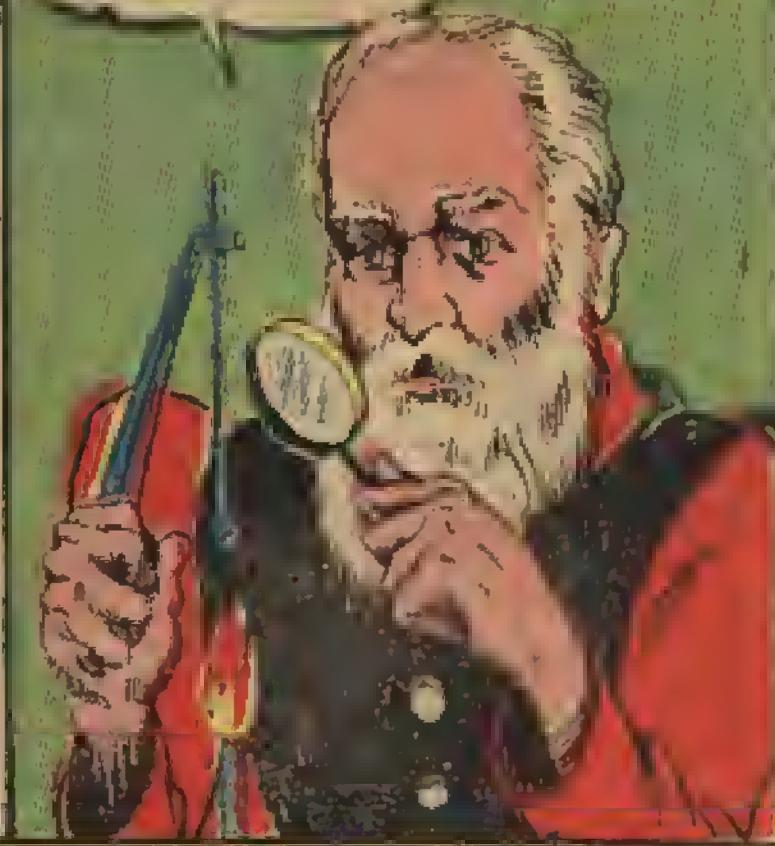


MY EXPERIMENT PROVES
THAT ALL BODIES FALL AT
THE SAME RATE - AND THAT
RATE IS SIXTEEN FEET THE
FIRST SECOND -
FORTY-EIGHT
THE SECOND,
AND SO ON
IN 1-3-5-7
SEQUENCE



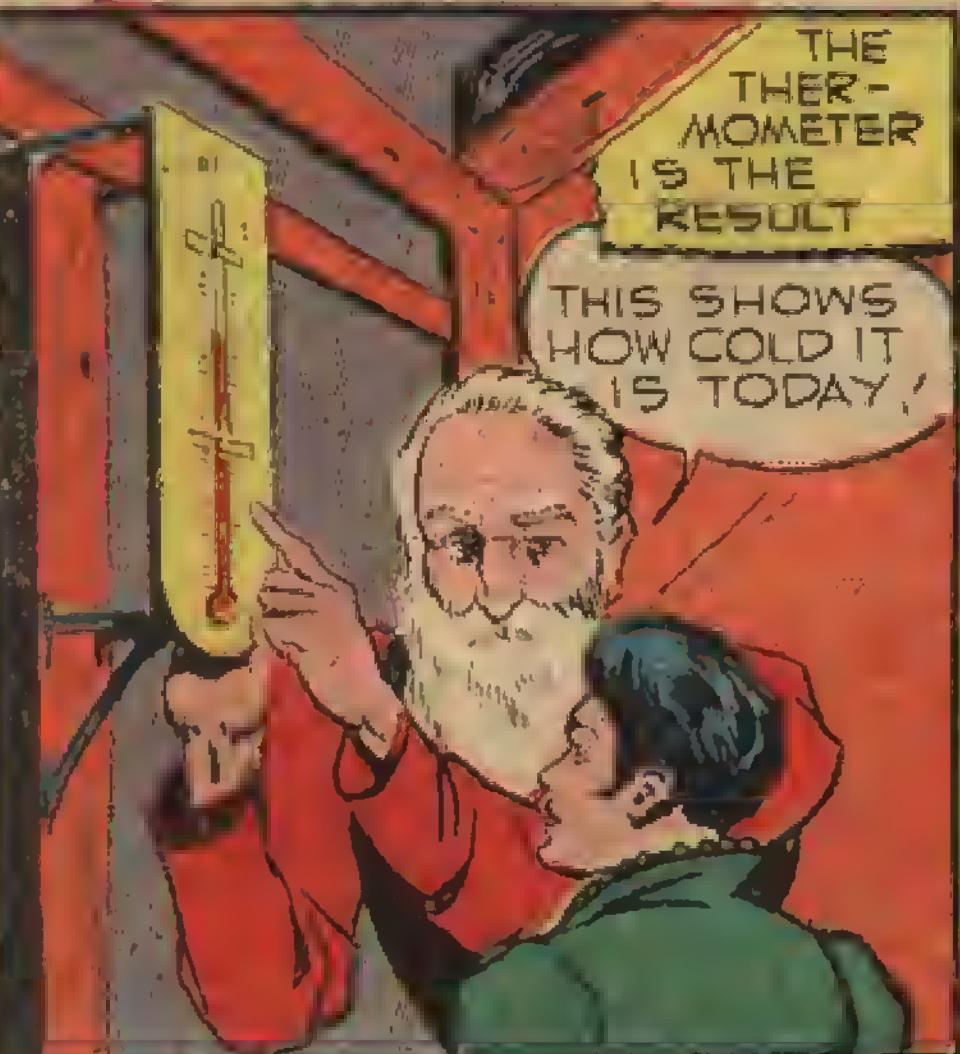
NOW GALILEO WORKS
ON A NEW DEVICE

WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED
IT WILL BE A GREAT BOON
TO MANKIND!



THE
THER-
MOMETER
IS THE
RESULT

THIS SHOWS
HOW COLD IT
IS TODAY!



GALILEO CONSTRUCTS THE TELESCOPE

NOW I SHALL BE ABLE TO
STUDY ALL THE WONDERS
OF THE HEAVENS



WITH THIS TELESCOPE
HE DISCOVERS.....

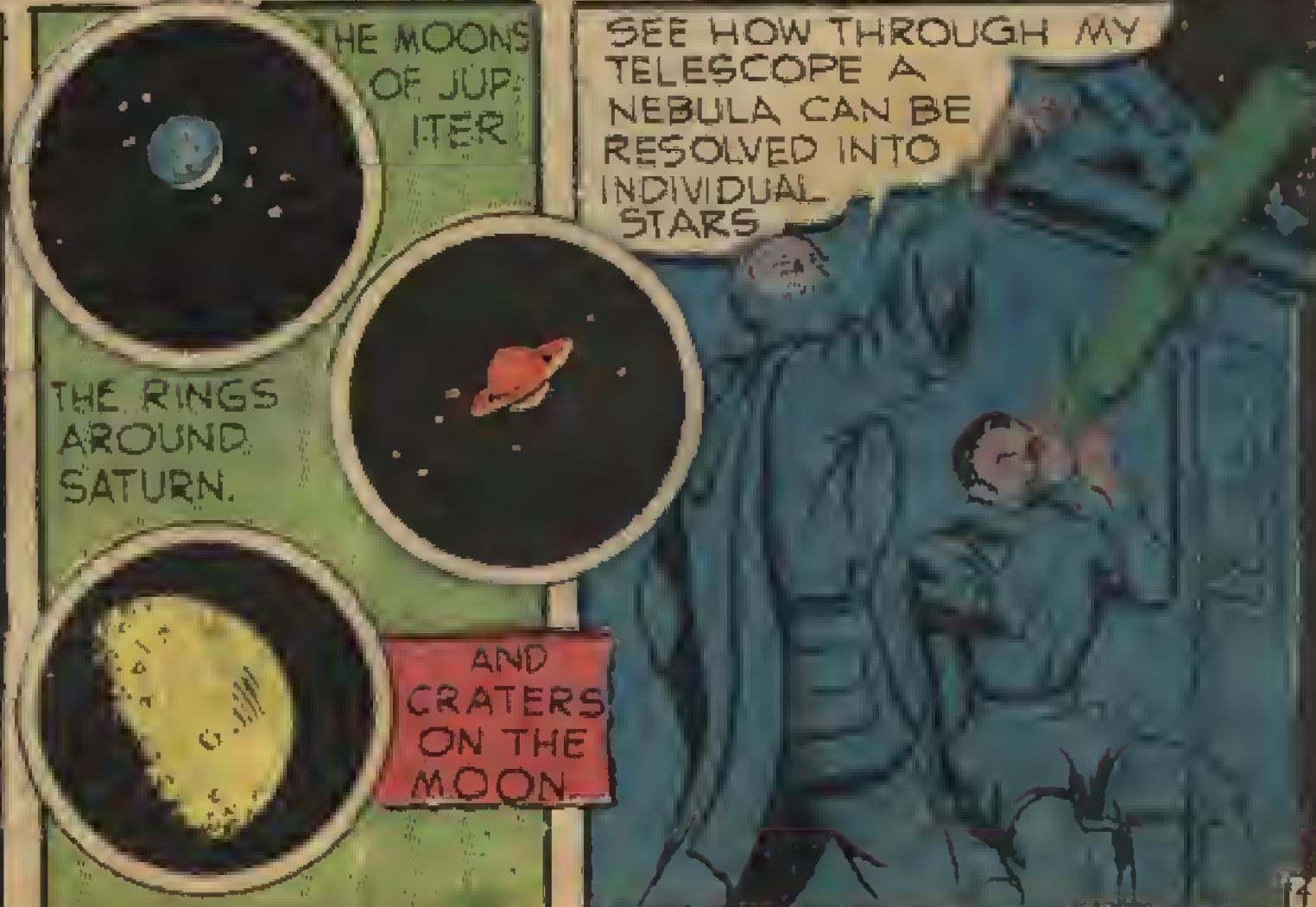


THE MOONS
OF JUP-
ITER

THE RINGS
AROUND
SATURN.

AND
CRATERS
ON THE
MOON

SEE HOW THROUGH MY
TELESCOPE A
NEBULA CAN BE
RESOLVED INTO
INDIVIDUAL
STARS



GALILEO OBSERVES
THE SUN SPOTS

THEY MAY
ACCOUNT
FOR MANY
PECULIAR
PHENOMENA

THE ADVANCE OF THOSE SUN
SPOTS FROM EAST TO WEST
PROVES THE ROTATION OF THE SUN
AND

THE FACT THAT THE
EARTH
MOVES
AROUND
IT!

COSMO II, GRAND DUKE OF TUSCONY
BEFRIENDS GALILEO

I AM GETTING YOU AN AP-
POINTMENT AS MATHEMATIC-
IAN AND
PHILOS-
OPHER
AT THE
UNIVER-
SITY
OF
PISA

I AM
GRATEFUL,
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS

I INSIST, GENTLEMEN, THAT ALL
THE PLANETS
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THE SUN!

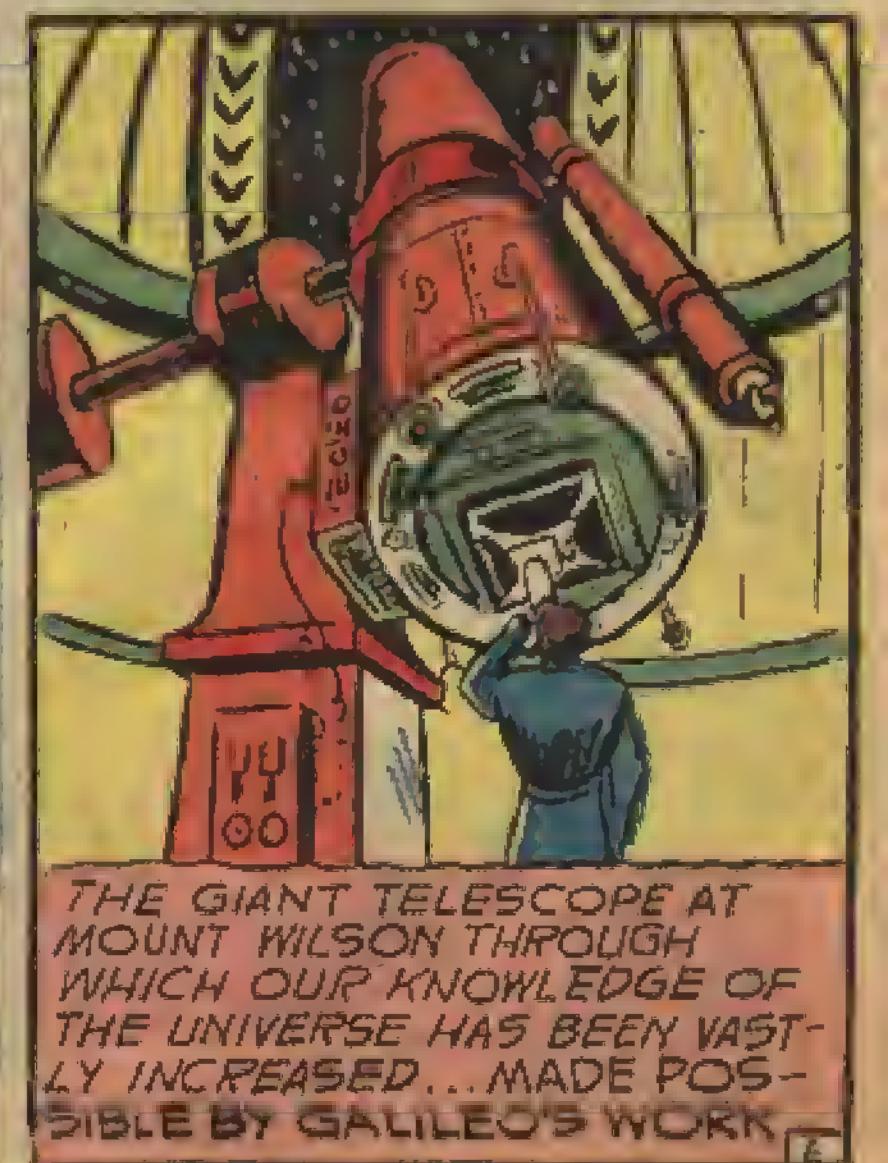
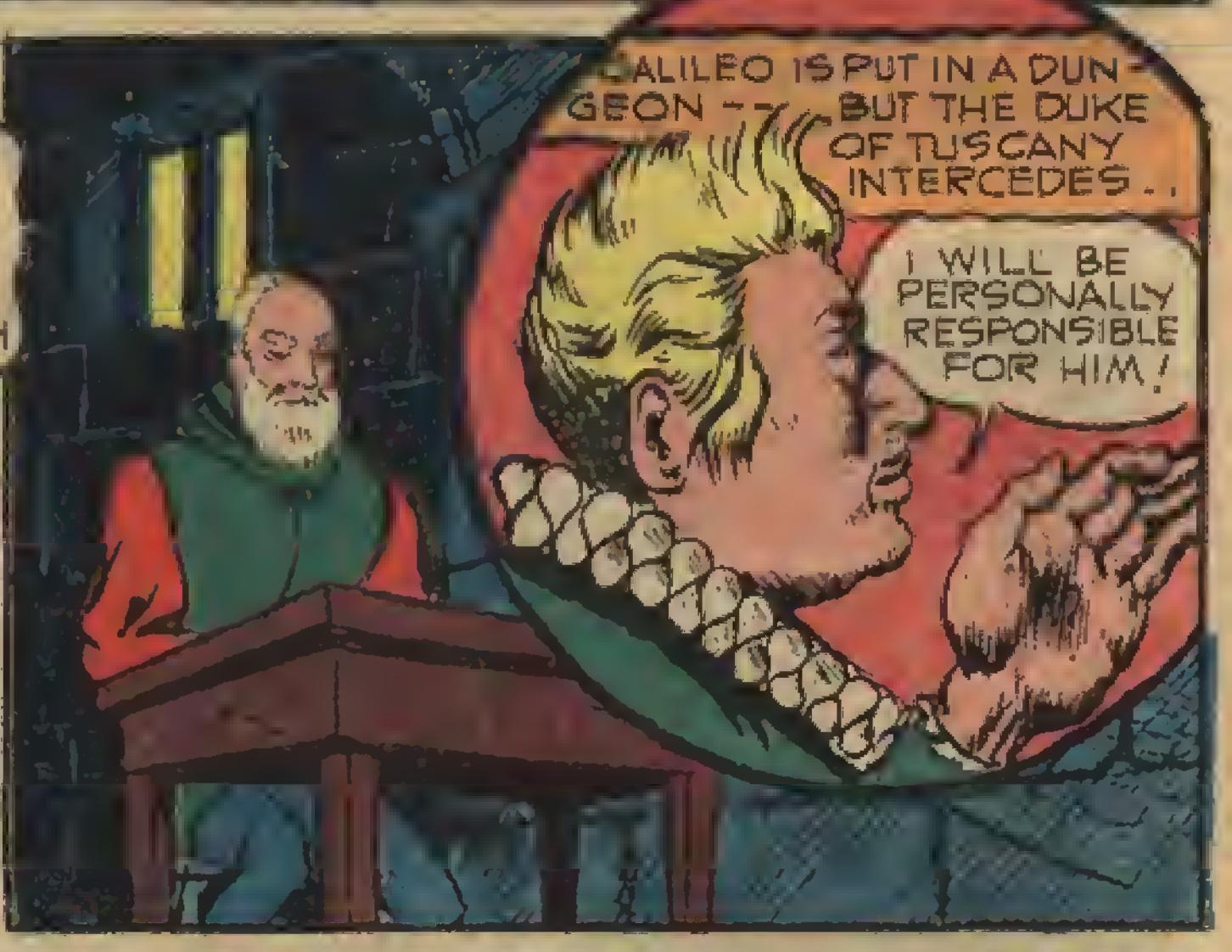
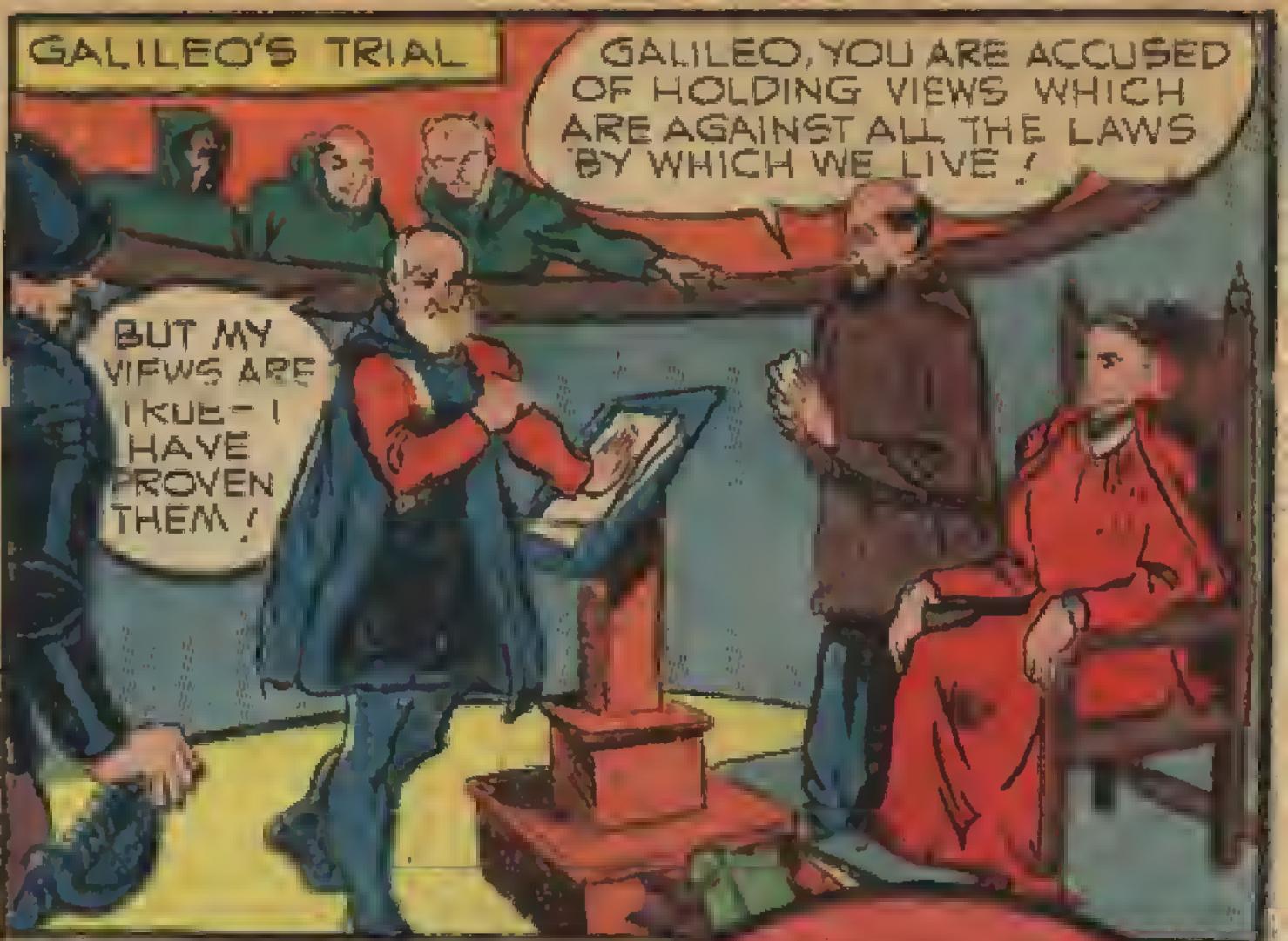
IMPOSSIBLE!

IT DOESN'T
MATTER -
HE CAN'T
FLOUT US
THIS WAY!
I SHALL COM-
PLAIN TO
THE
AUTHOR-
ITIES.

HE HAS DENIED EVERY BELIEF
WE HAVE
EVER HELD!

BUT HE HAS
PROVEN IT!

WE
SHALL
SUMMON
HIM!



JUSTICE



OUT OF THE VOID AND INTO OUR WORLD STEPS A FAMILIAR AND FEARSOME VISITOR - A VISITOR WHOSE DANK PRESENCE IS A CONSTANT THREAT FROM CHILDHOOD TO THE GRAVE. AND YET, THIS VISITOR, EVER STALKING MANKIND, IS NOW BENT UPON A STRANGE, UNPARALLELED MISSION. FOR IT IS DEATH, HIMSELF, KING OF ETERNITY AND MAN'S IMMORTAL SOUL WHO, NOW, COMES UPON US IN A MIGHTY RAGE - SUMMONED AGAINST HIS OWN WILL BY - THE MAD MONK!

DEATH ENTERS THE MAD MONK'S CASTLE ---
I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU BACK INTO OB-
LIVION WITH ME !

YOU HAVE OVERSTEPPED YOUR BOUNDS AND ARE TRY-
ING TO DEAL WITH FORCES FAR BEYOND YOUR
CONTROL ! YOU BLASTED FOOL ! YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME. I'VE UNCOVERED
AN AGE OLD SECRET WHERE-
BY I'M GOING TO SHACKLE YOU AND
SHEAR YOU OF YOUR POWERS !

YOU CANNOT DO THAT !
I AM THE END WHICH
EVERY MAN MEETS. MY
POWER IS GREATLY
NEEDED !

WHEN I EMPTY THIS CAP-
SULE INTO THE FLAMES
YOU WILL BE FOREVER
HELPLESS. THERE WILL
BE NO MORE DEATH !

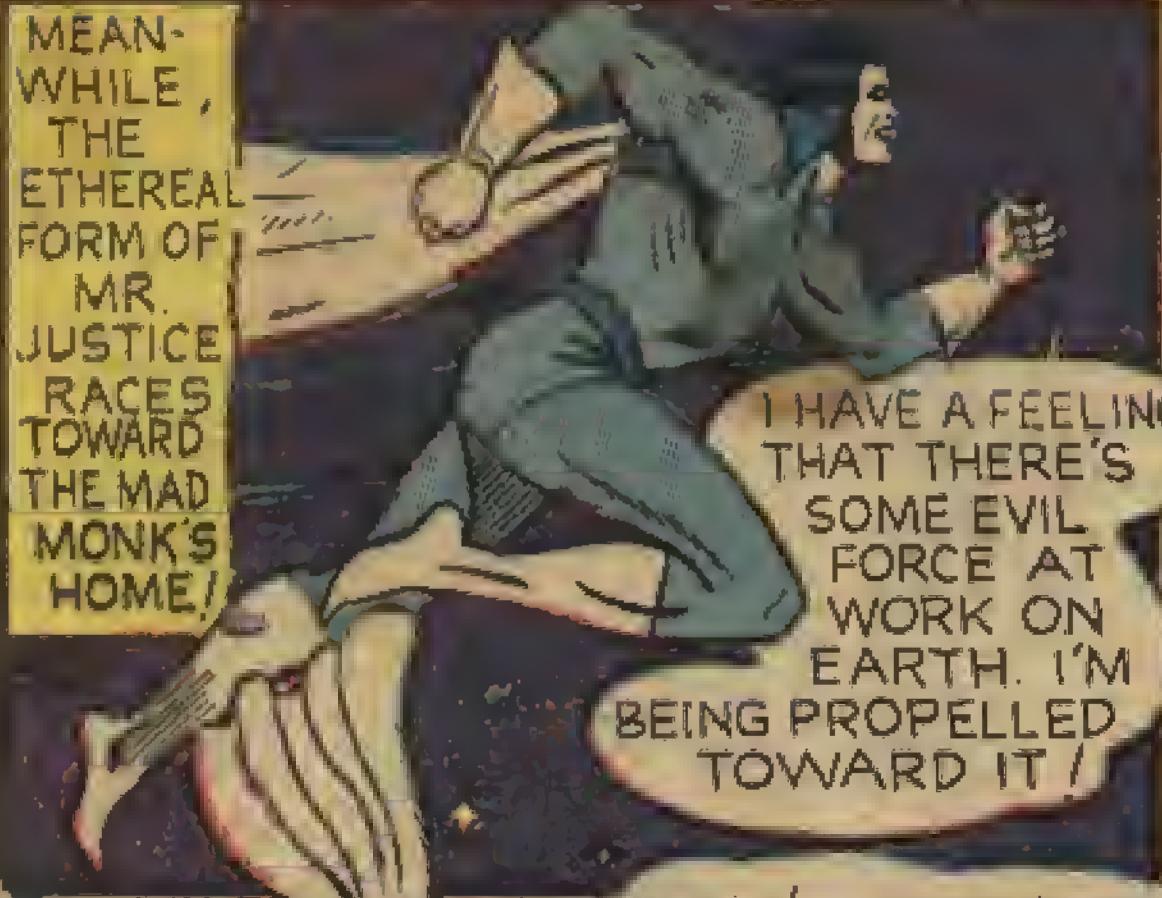
AS THE MONK EMPTIES THE
POWDER INTO THE FIRE A
DENSE WHITE SMOKE ARISES
ENVELOPING DEATH ---

CAUSING HIM TO RETREAT
BLINDLY INTO THE ETHER-
HELPLESS -

FURTHER AND FURTHER
WITH THE WILD CHANT
OF THE MONK FOLLOW-
ING ---

UNTIL HE REACHES THE INKY
BLACKNESS OF INFINITY,
FROM WHENCE HE CAME --

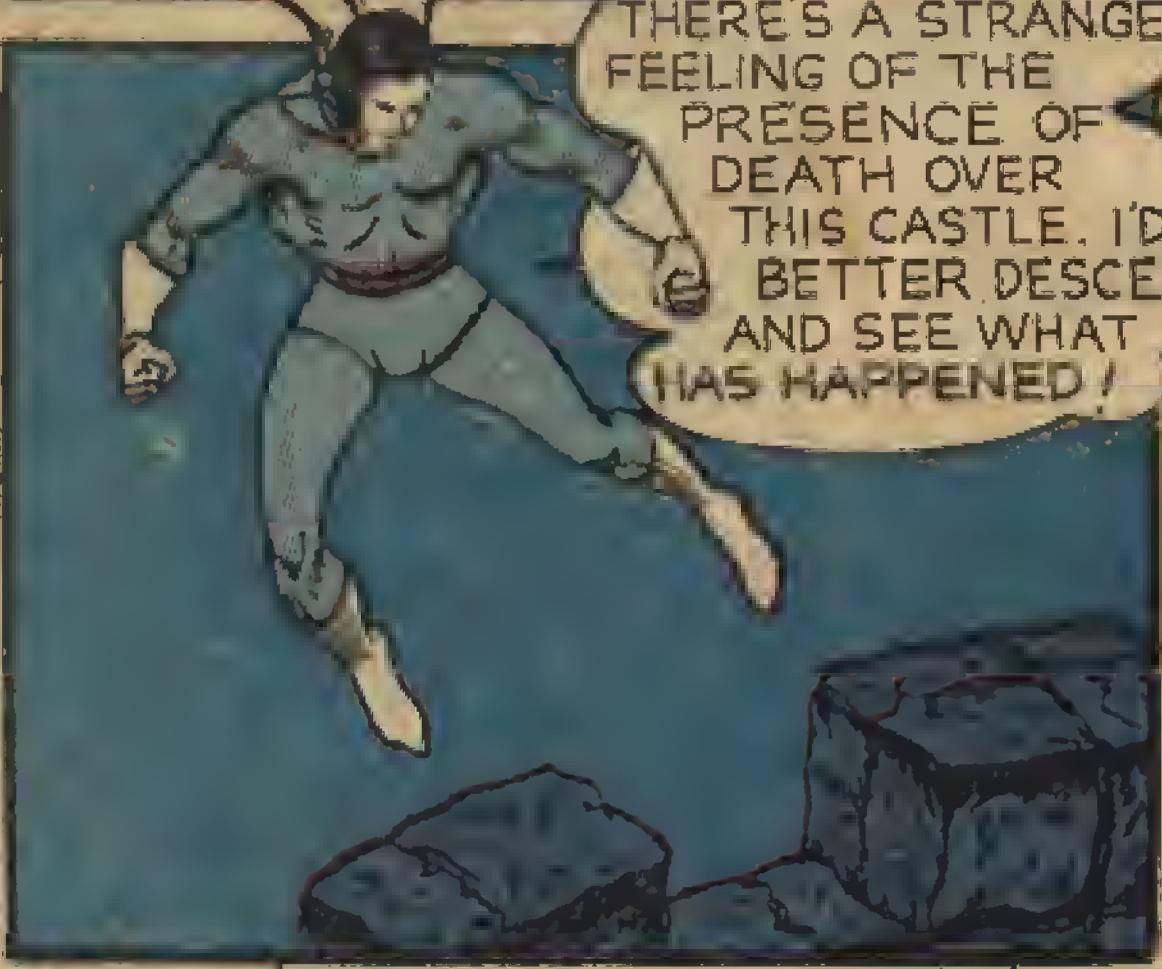
MEAN-
WHILE,
THE
ETHEREAL
FORM OF
MR.
JUSTICE
RACES
TOWARD
THE MAD
MONK'S
HOME!



I HAVE A FEELING
THAT THERE'S
SOME EVIL
FORCE AT
WORK ON
EARTH. I'M
BEING PROPELLED
TOWARD IT!



THAT CASTLE SEEMS TO BE THE PLACE
TO WHICH I AM BEING DRAWN!



THERE'S A STRANGE
FEELING OF THE
PRESENCE OF
DEATH OVER
THIS CASTLE. I'D
BETTER DESCEND
AND SEE WHAT
HAS HAPPENED!



INSIDE THE
CASTLE

NOW, AT LAST, THE DES-
TINY OF MAN IS IN MY
HANDS. I AM THE
MASTER OF
DEATH-AND
CONSE-
QUENTLY-ALL
MANKIND!



SUDDENLY - WHERE'D YOU COME FROM ?
WHO ARE YOU ?



DEATH
VISITED
THIS PLACE
TODAY!

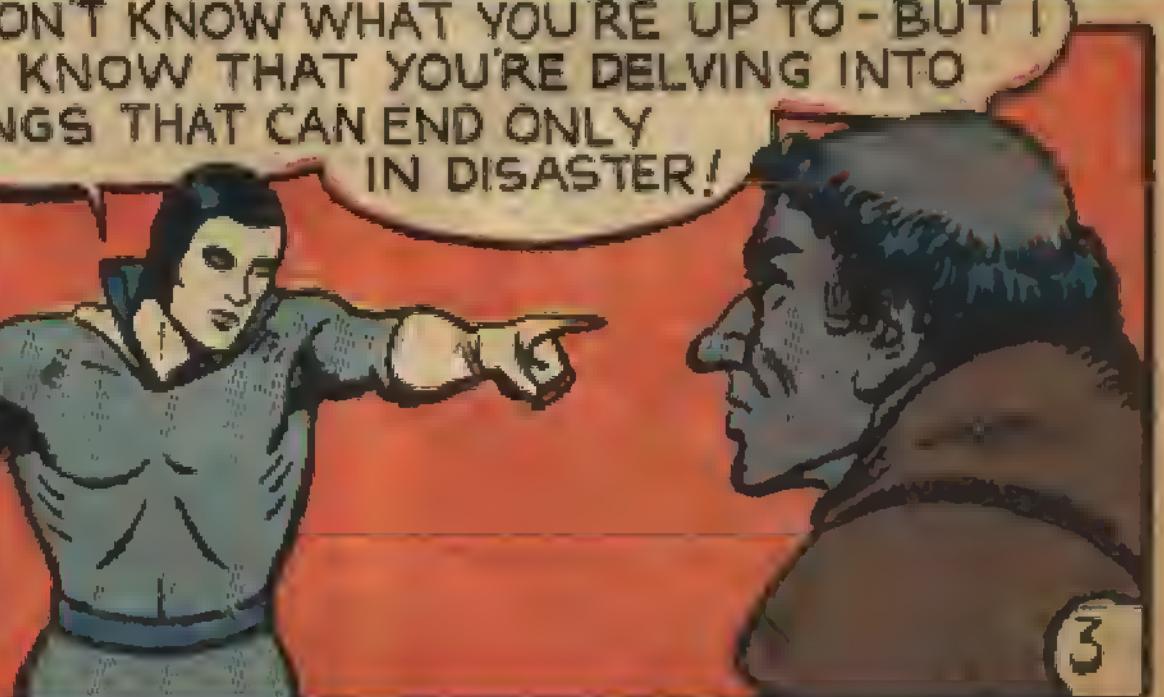
I KNOW HIS COMING HERE WAS
NOT NORMAL - AND
I'VE COME TO
FIND OUT THE
REASON
FOR HIS
VISIT !



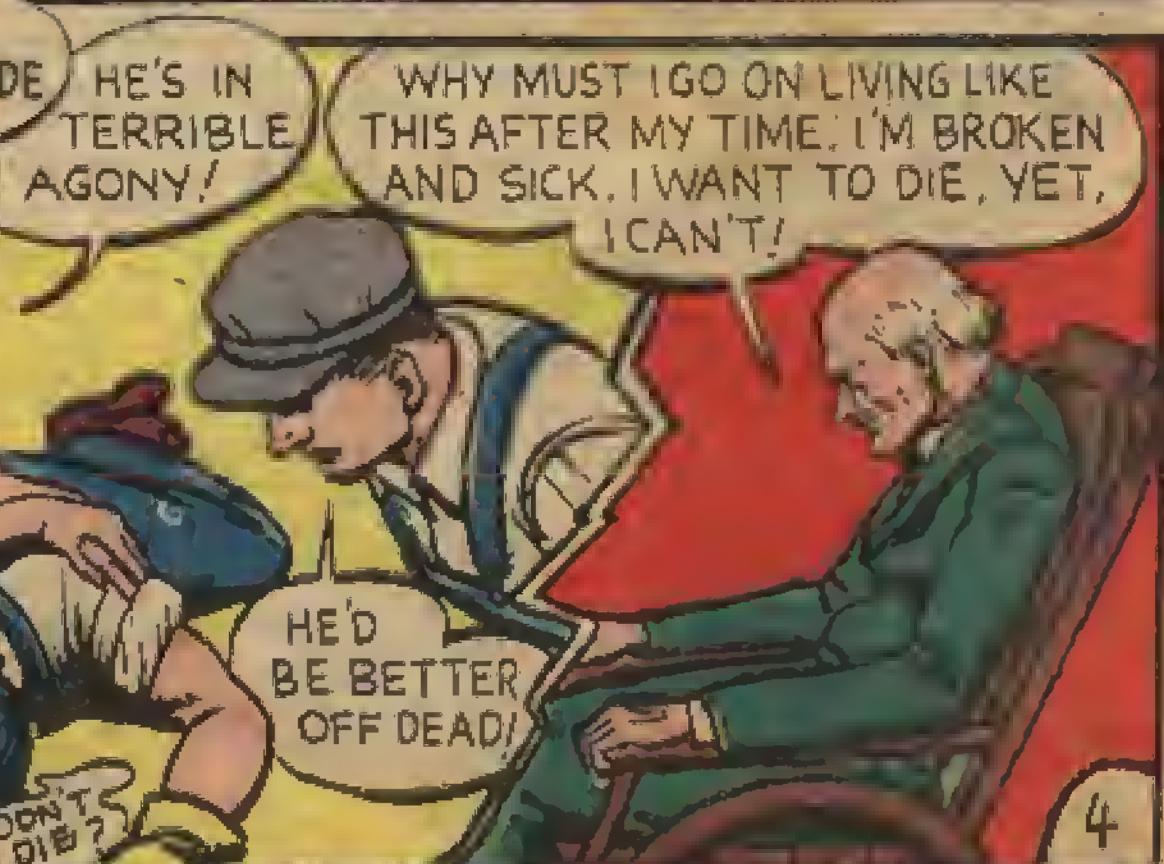
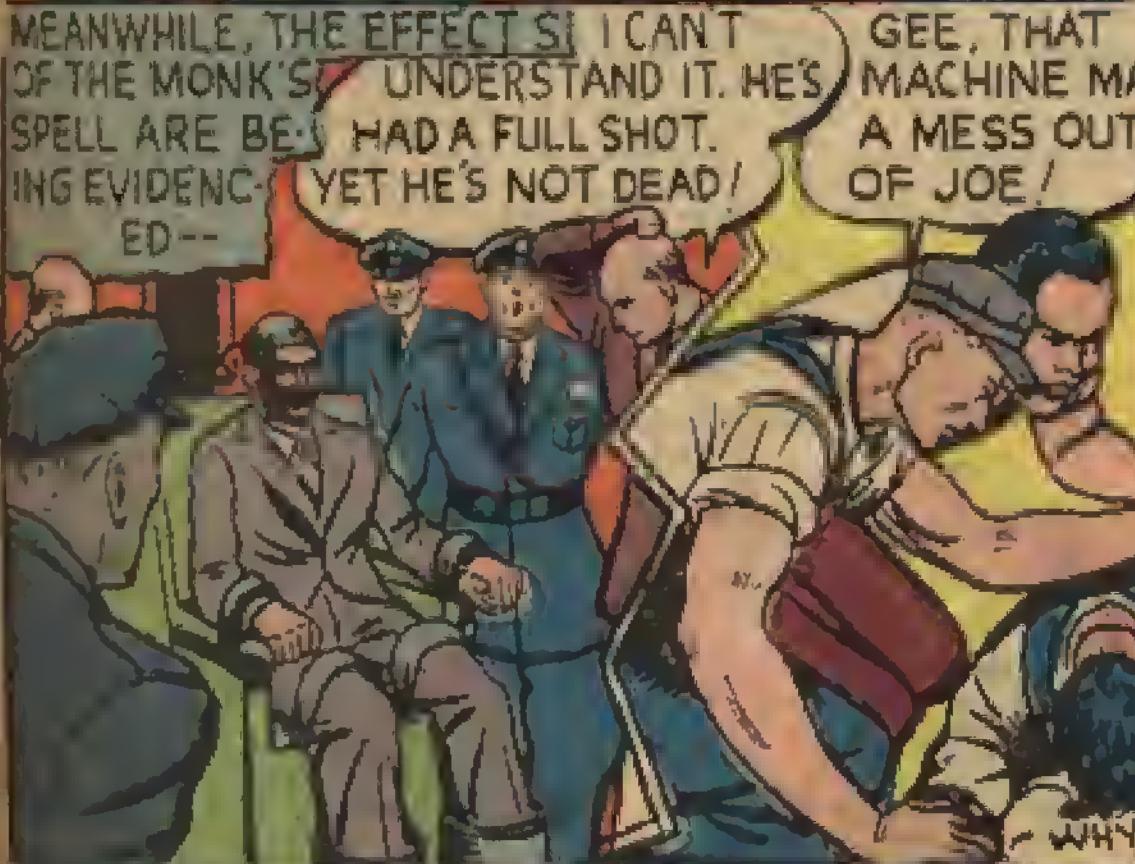
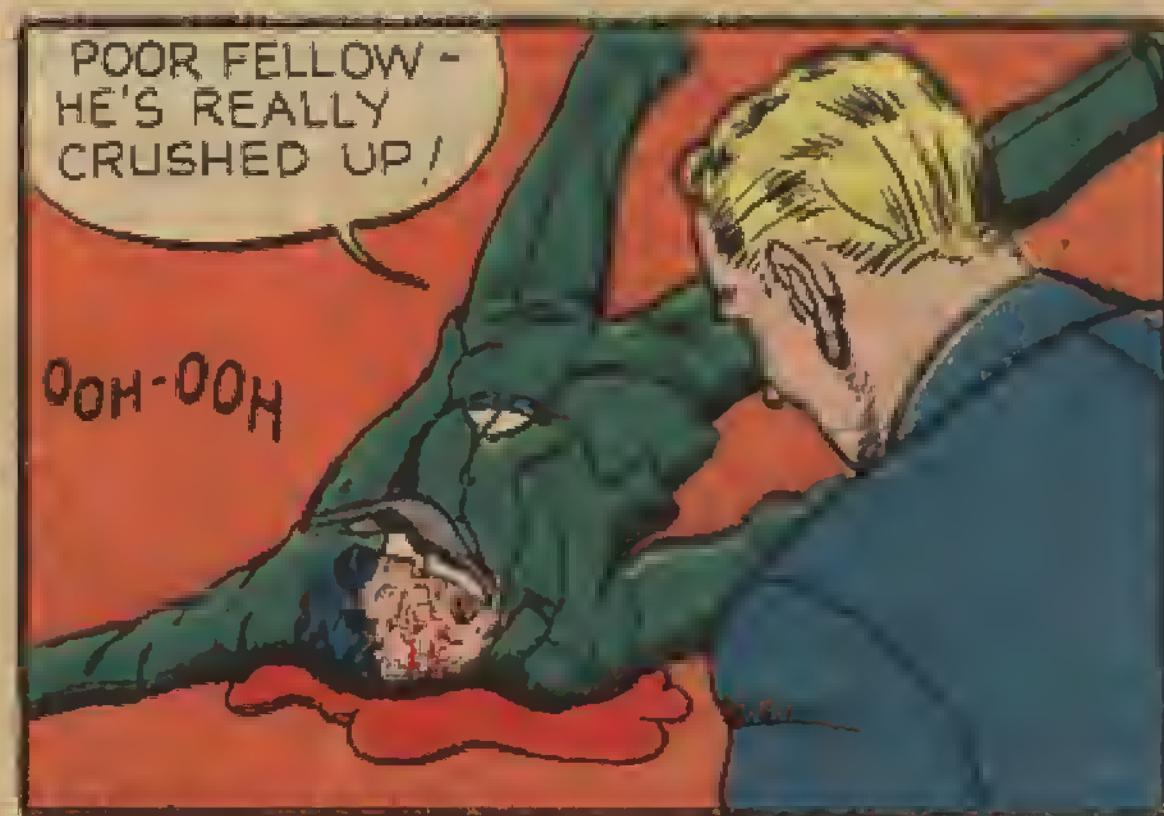
YOU'RE MAD - THERE'S
BEEN NO ONE HERE
BUT ME - AND
NOTHING'S HAPPENED!



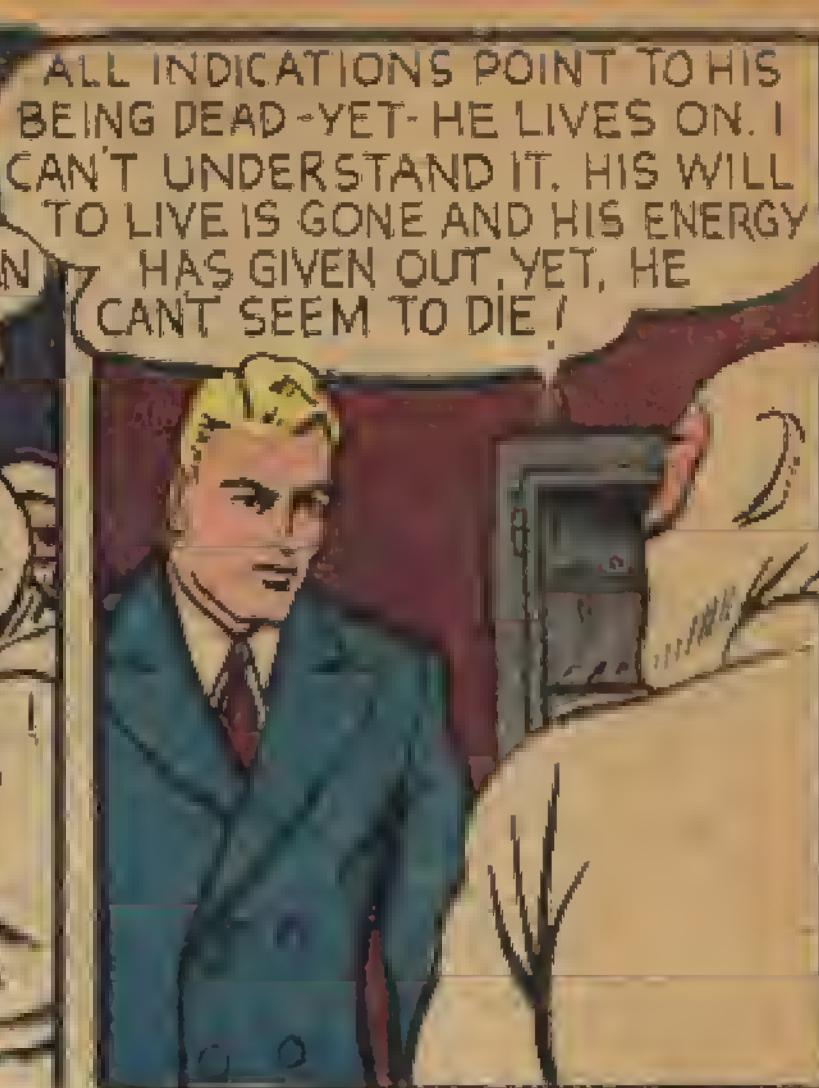
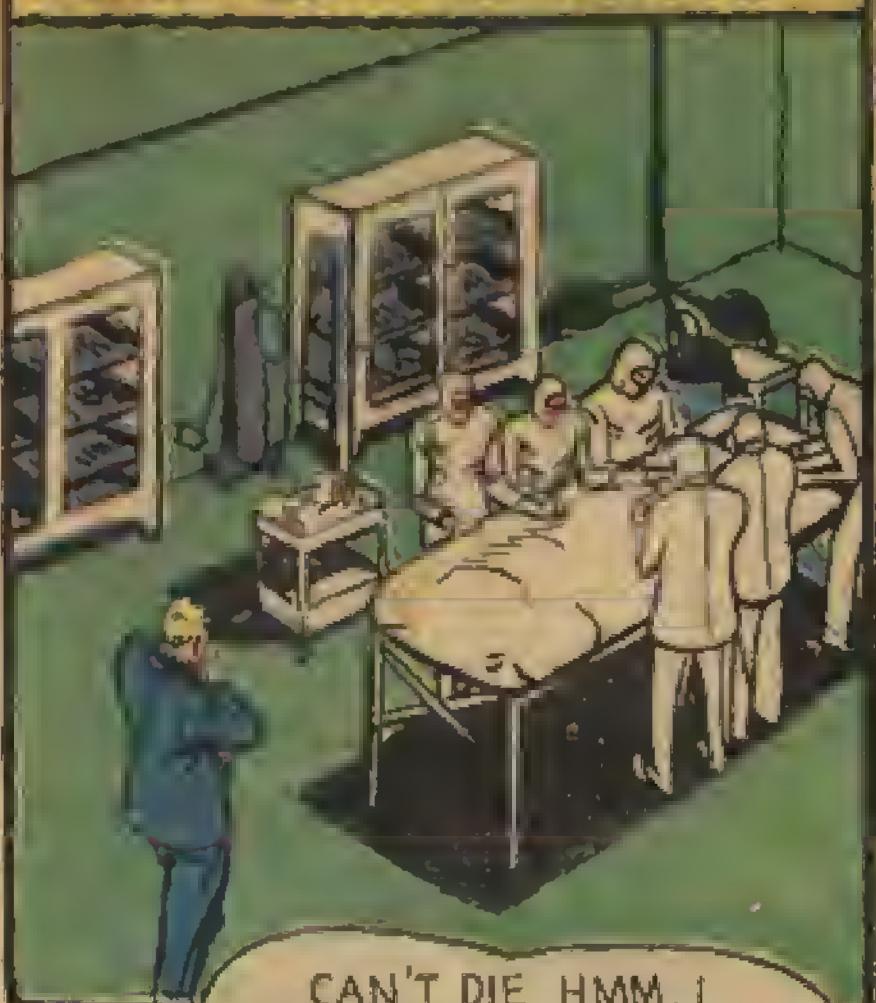
SOMETHING'S
WRONG HERE!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO - BUT I
DO KNOW THAT YOU'RE DELVING INTO
THINGS THAT CAN END ONLY
IN DISASTER!



MEANWHILE AT THE HOSPITAL...



CAN'T DIE, HMM. I
WONDER IF THERE'S ANY
CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS AND
THE PROBLEM THAT'S BEEN
BOthering ME --

I'VE GOT
TO FIND
OUT!

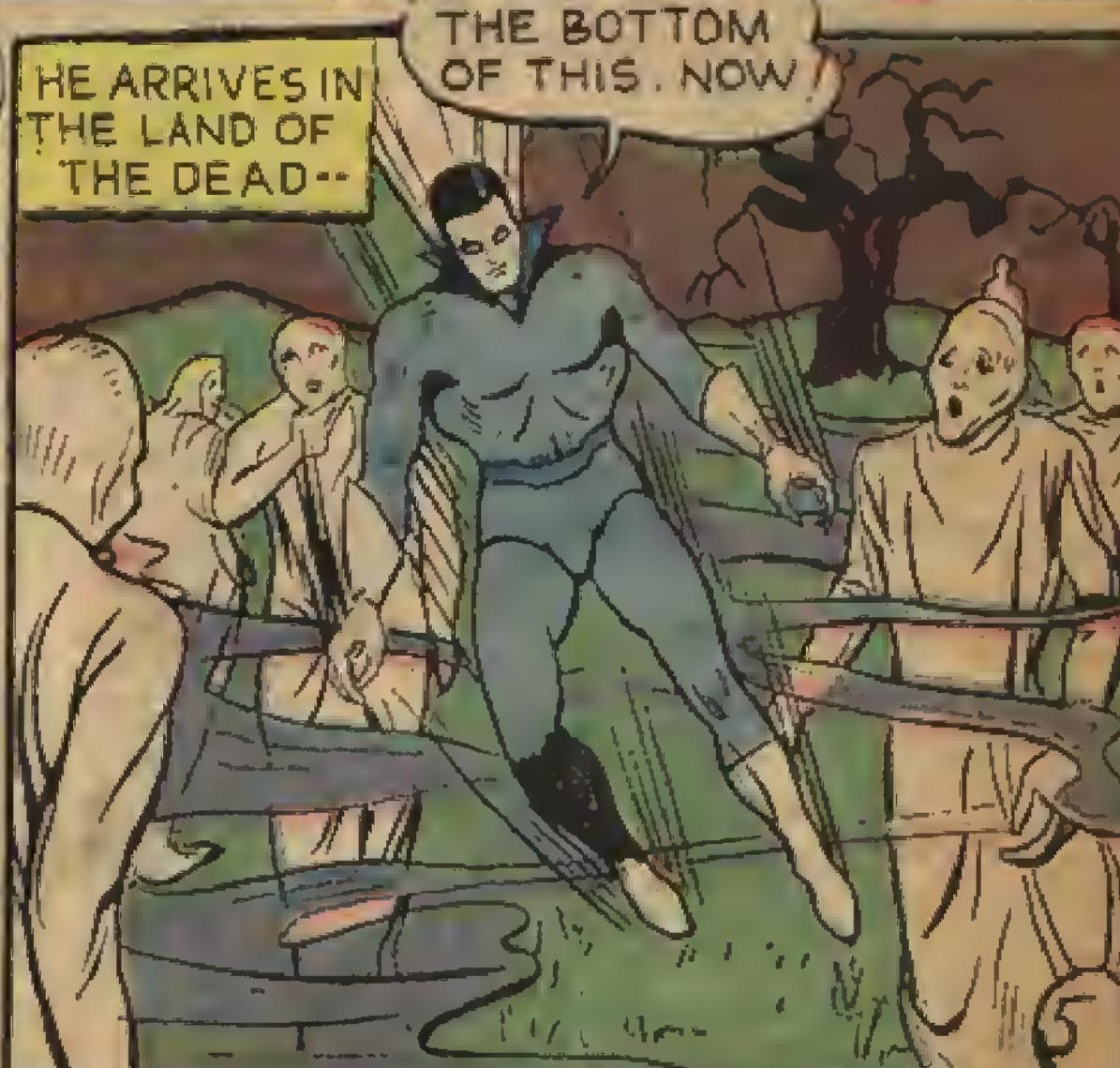
A FEW MOMENTS LATER THE
ROYAL WRAITH ONCE MORE
WINGS HIS WAY THROUGH
SPACE ---

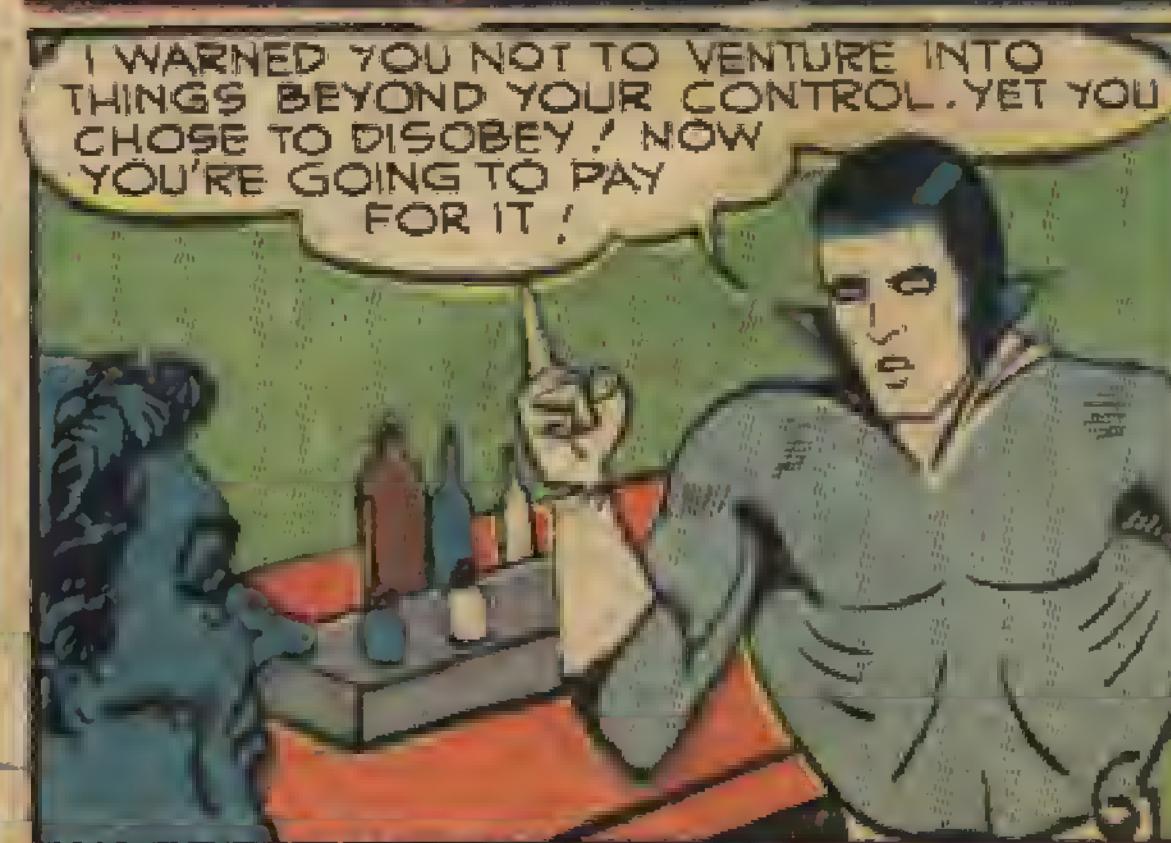
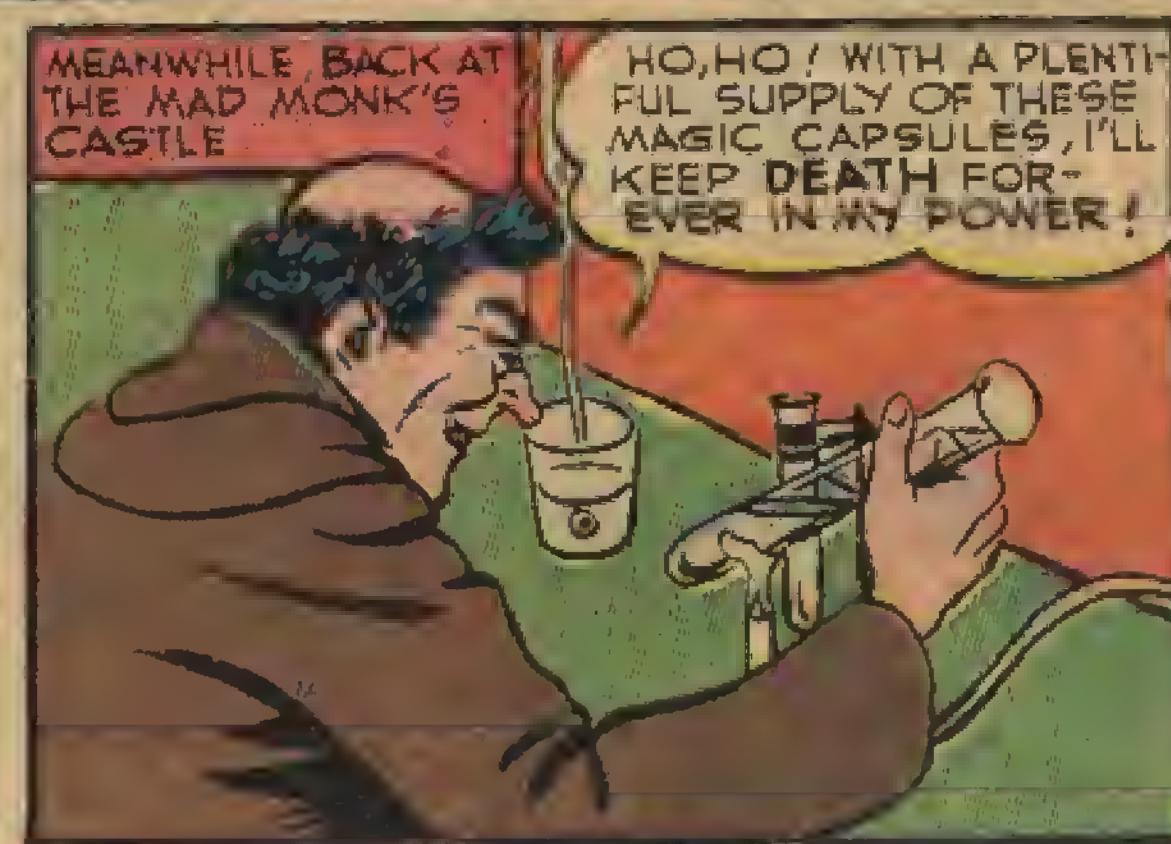
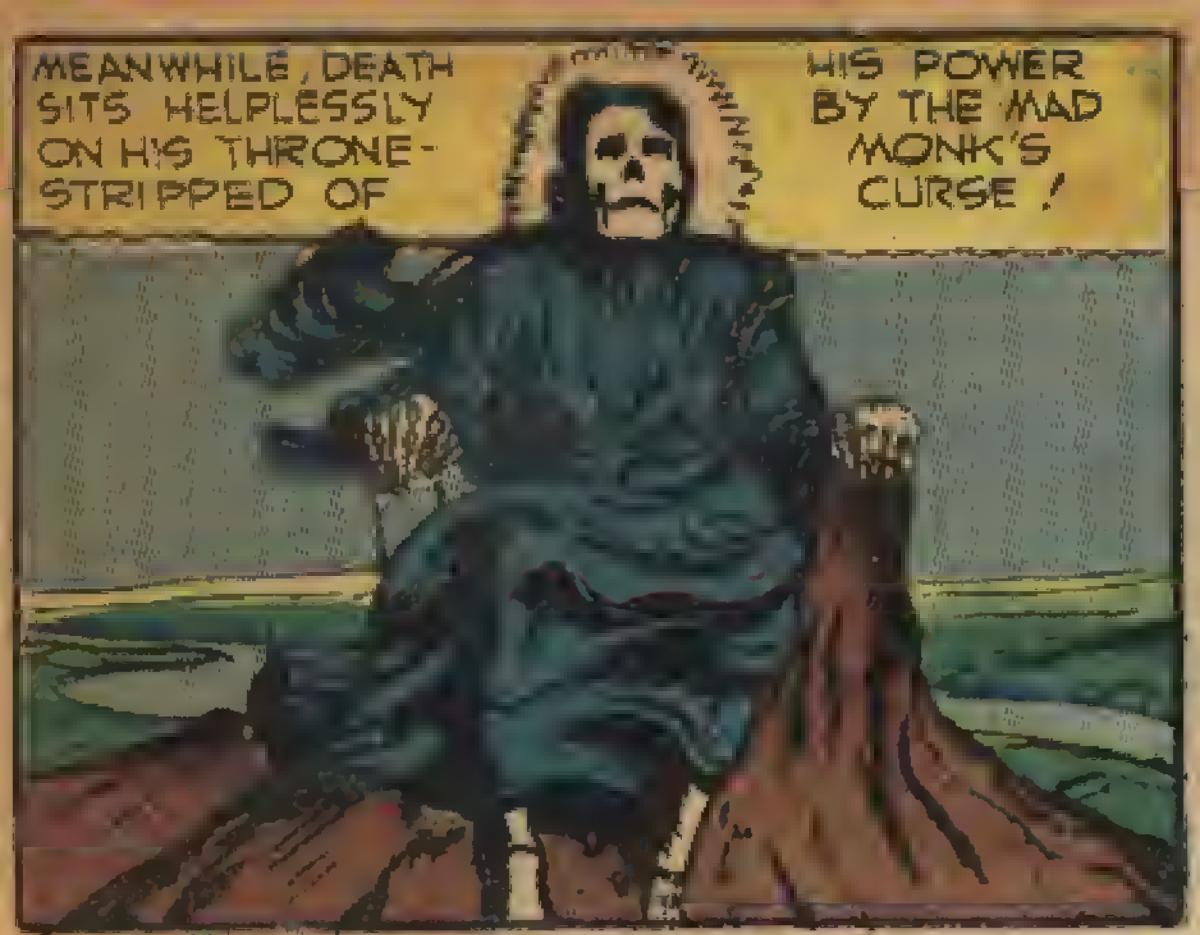


THE ONLY SOLUTION
SEEMS TO BE TO SEE
DEATH HIMSELF!

HE ARRIVES IN
THE LAND OF
THE DEAD --

I'LL GET TO
THE BOTTOM
OF THIS. NOW!





I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM YOU,
NOR ANYONE ELSE - AS LONG AS MY SECRET
REMAINS WITHIN ME !



I'M GOING TO DRAG THAT SECRET OUT
OF YOU AND PUT A STOP TO YOUR MAD
DESIRSES - AND TO THE UNTOLD SUFFERING
WHICH YOU HAVE BROUGHT INTO THE
WORLD !



NOT YET, MR JUSTICE !
THIS ACID WILL CHANGE
YOUR MIND FOR
YOU !



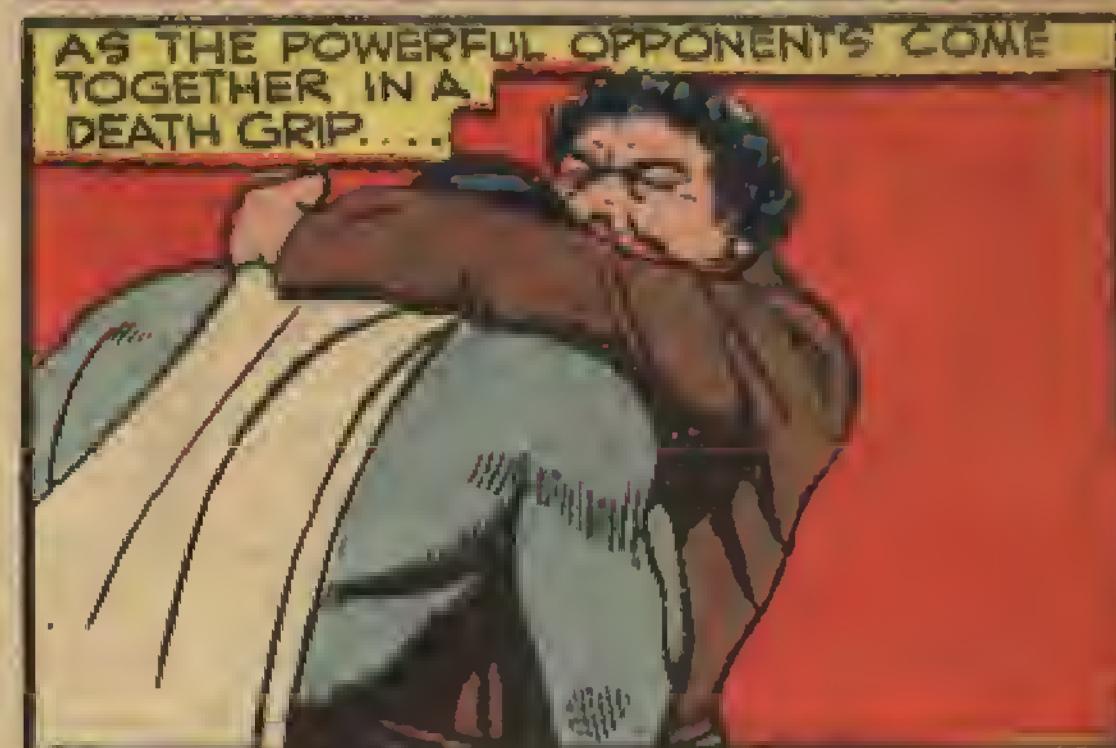
MISS YOU EH ? WELL THERE ARE
OTHER METHODS OF PUTTING YOU OUT
OF MY WAY !



FOOL ! DON'T YOU REALIZE
THAT YOU CAN'T PIT YOUR
PUNY MORTAL WAYS
AGAINST ME ?



AS THE POWERFUL OPPONENTS COME
TOGETHER IN A
DEATH GRIP...



THE MAD MONK IS
THE LABORATORY
MADE CON-
ONTO HIS
ROBES !

SENT SPROWLING INTO
TABLE - UPSETTING THE INFLAM-
TENTS OF A LARGE STILL



..CAUSING THEM TO IMMEDIATELY
BURST INTO FLAMES ON CONTACT
WITH THE OVERTURNED BURNER !



HELP ME! PLEASE DO SOMETHING! THESE FLAMES ARE UNBEARABLE!

I'M AFRAID IT'S TOO LATE! THOSE CHEMICALS HAVE CAUSED YOU TO BURN RAPIDLY!

YOU'RE BEYOND MY HELP, NOW!

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO RELIEVE THIS TERRIBLE PAIN!

IT APPEARS THAT THE ONLY SALVATION FOR YOU IS DEATH!

THIS PAIN - IT'S UNBEARABLE! I CAN'T STAND IT! I CAN'T STAND IT!

MY CAPSULE - IN THE CABINET!

BRING IT TO ME!

YOU'LL HAVE TO STAND IT - FOR ALL ETERNITY! UNLESS YOU RELEASE DEATH FROM YOUR POWER!

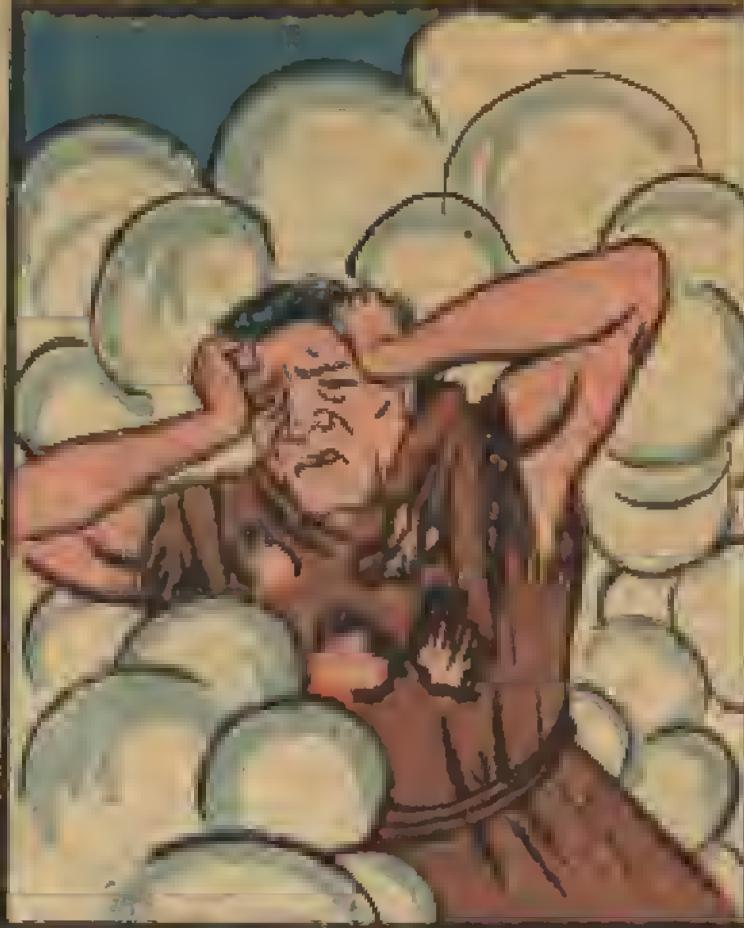
HURRY... GIVE IT TO ME. THE SOONER DEATH CLAIMS ME, THE SOONER I'LL BE RID OF THIS TERRIBLE TORMENT!

AS THE MONK DROPS THE CAP-
SULES INTO THE FLAMES AND
BEGINS HIS CHANT---

I NEVER REALIZED MY
OWN PLAN WOULD LEAD TO
MY OWN DESTRUCTION!



A CLOUD OF WHITE
SMOKE RISES, ENVEL-
OPING HIM ---



AND HE FALLS TO
THE FLOOR - DEAD!



THE MAD FOOL. HE THOUGHT
HE WAS
POWERFUL
ENOUGH TO
COMBAT
THE
STRONG-
EST
FORCES
OF
NATURE!



MEANWHILE IN THE LAND OF DEATH
AH, THE HAZE SEEMS TO HAVE
LIFTED FROM AROUND MY EYES.
I FEEL FREE AT LAST!



NOW, I AM ONCE MORE AT
LIBERTY TO DO MY
WORK WHICH IS SO
SORELY
NEEDED!



WHILE BACK AT THE CASTLE
I'LL DESTROY THESE CAP-
SULES AND WITH THEM
THE LAST EVIDENCES OF
THE MAD MONK'S SECRET
SO THAT IT MAY NEVER
AGAIN BE
USED!



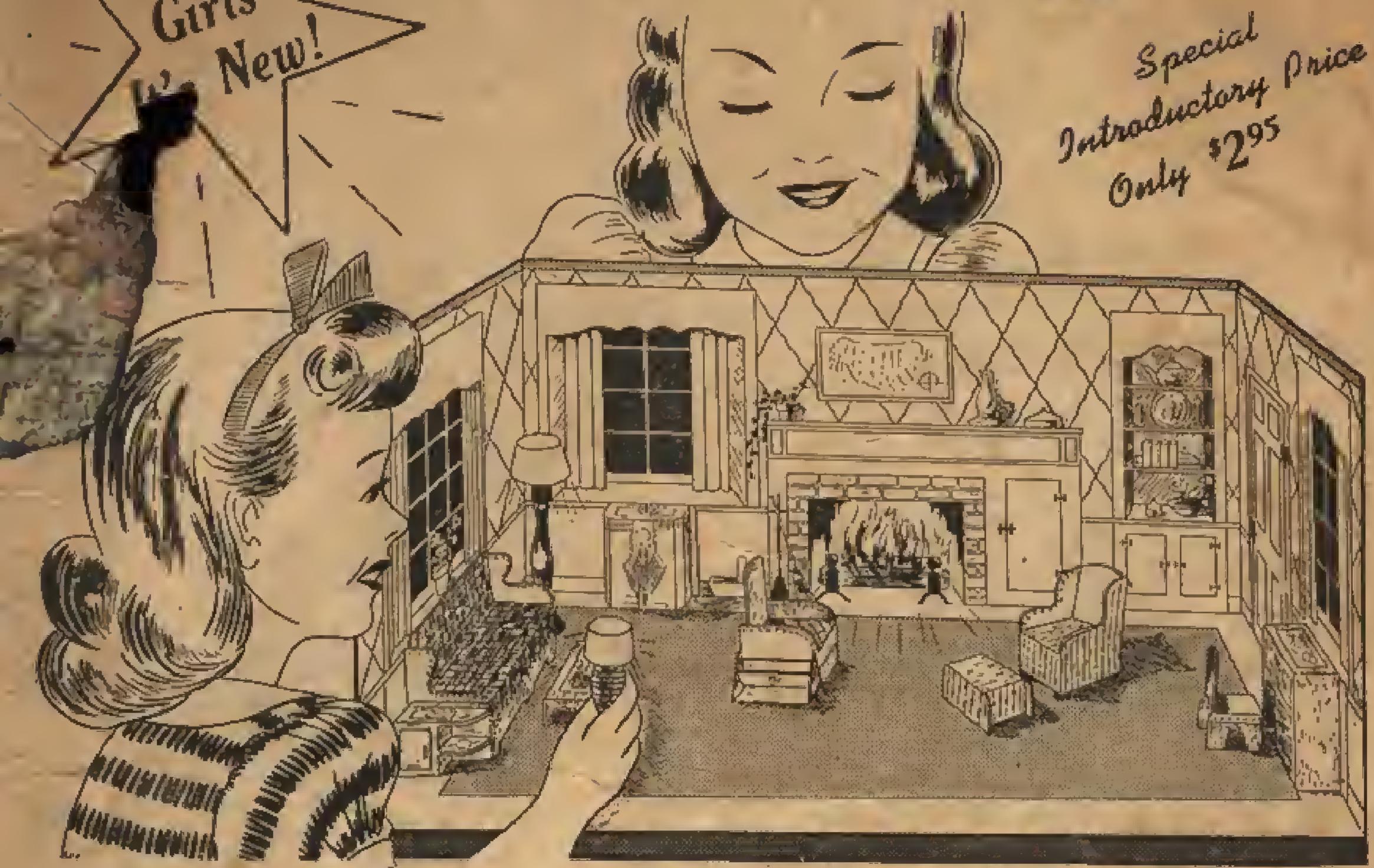
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HIDEOUS EVIL WHICH MIGHT
HAVE CAUSED THE DECAY OF
ALL MANKIND
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